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Referendum on fees for off-campus students finally a go

Jon Dunbar
NEWS EDITOR

The ever-unpredictable referendum on off-campus fees is back on the ballot.

At the SU elections in March, students will vote on reducing SU fees for off-campus students. But the question in its new incarnation also calls for increasing on-campus SU fees to compensate for the sudden decrease.

The Students' Union Executive introduced a motion to Students' Council on Tuesday to have a referendum calling for the creation of "a special fee category for off-campus students (students whose on-campus credits are equal to zero)."

The proposal asks that they "be assessed all SU fees at the rate equivalent to the fee assessed to part-time students." That decrease would currently save full-time off-campus students \$14.40 per term.

However, to offset the decrease, it also states that SU fees must be increased by 82 cents per full-time student, 41 cents per part-time student, and 55 cents per student in spring/summer sessions.

The new proposal was brought to Council by VP (Academic) Chris Samuel and VP (Operations & Finance) Greg Harlow.

Engineering representative Tim Poon, who originally brought up the issue, reiterated his opinion that the increase for other students is a "poison pill" specifically added to cause the question to fail.

"More than 2350 students signed a petition that asked for off-campus SU fees to be reduced while keeping on-campus SU fees the same," said Poon.

"[SU President] Leslie Church's administration is basically kicking 2350-plus University students in the head. Not only did they ignore the whole petition, but they turned the whole petition upside down and manipulated the question for political points," he said.

The off-campus SU fee reduction petition failed because it did not reach the necessary 2500 signatures. The final count from the Registrar listed 2355 valid signatures after repeats and invalid ID numbers were audited out.

"Since the petition died, the issue might have as well," said Poon.

But engineering councillor Joe Brindle suggested someone would step up to support the altered question anyway.

The referendum is less popular in faculties without co-op or intern programs. Arts councillor Kirsten Odynski said that if Arts had an intern program, it would involve working in a McDonald's.



Jessie Meikle / THE GATEWAY

Midterms are barely over, and already it's time to start thinking about summer employment. Dean Simmons examines the seasonal job hunt on page 18.

Alberta Learning gives cash to USask vet school

Christie Tucker
NEWS EDITOR

Alberta might be called the beef capital of Canada, but a recent eastbound cash contribution from Alberta Learning is showing Albertans where the beef really is.

The provincial government is making a one-time contribution of \$1.5 million to the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM) at the University of Saskatchewan. The money will make up half of a new \$3 million chair in Beef Cattle Health Management at the school.

The contribution is part of an interprovincial agreement under which Alberta pays a portion of the College's annual costs, which added up to \$1.9 million in 2000/2001.

"We understand the importance of the cattle industry to western Canada's economy," said Alberta Learning spokesman Randy Kilburn.

The WCVM is the only veterinary college located in the west. Canada's three others are in Quebec, Ontario and the Maritimes.

Kilburn said that of the 280 students who attend the school, 80 are from Alberta. "Most Albertan veterinary students go there to complete their studies. Why Alberta doesn't have a college like this is a question for the U of A."

Kilburn said the new chair will help to strengthen the scope on veterinary research, provide students with more up-to-date information,

and create a pool of experienced vets that can benefit Albertan farmers.

Farmers in Canada produce roughly 1.3 billion pounds of beef per year, and contribute almost \$25 billion to the Canadian economy through beef production.

Programs like the Beef Cattle Health Management program in Saskatchewan are "used to ensure the production of beef is efficient, humane, economical and high quality," explained Alberta Learning.



Tim Bulger / THE GATEWAY

The school studies beef cattle health.



Today

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Quote for the day:

When the missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land. They said "Let us pray." We closed our eyes. when we opened them, we had the Bible and they had the land.

— Archbishop Desmond Tutu

This day in the Gateway's history:

"Waa Waa Weekend" students wanting lectures cancelled were told to "get a pretty co-ed to ask your professor for coffee and the result—no lectures. All other males on the campus are also eligible to be taken for coffee."

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Hey! Pay attention!

We will not publish on Tuesday, 13 February because even we have midterms. Dan thinks his BLAW exam may already have passed.

Please recycle this newspaper

Human rights lectureship welcomes renowned doc

Matthew Evans
NEWS STAFF

Renowned doctor James Orbinski will be speaking at the Myer Horowitz Theater in March, in the third year of the University of Alberta's Visiting Lectureship in Human Rights.

Orbinski is president of the International Council of Medicines sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders), laureates of the 1999 Nobel Peace Prize. The group is among the world's largest non-governmental medical relief organizations.

Founded in 1971 by a group of French physicians, MSF has expanded to include five operational centers in Europe and fourteen national headquarters worldwide. The council's 2000 volunteers are committed to relief missions in over 80 countries.

According to the organization's official charter, the MSF "observes strict neutrality and impartiality" in offering "assistance to victims of man-made disasters and armed conflict irrespective of race, religion, creed or political affiliation."

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Professor suggests national regulation to control cloning

Iva Seto
NEWS STAFFLack of cloning laws could effec-
tively make Canada the clone
market of the future, says a St Joe's
professor.From the onset of cloning
biotechnology, there has been
immense controversy in the areas
of spirituality, bioethics, and law.Rebecca Davis-Mathias, a pro-
fessor of bioethics at St Joseph's
College, stated that although it is
important to provide "freedom for
scientists, there are other issuesat stake. Cloning defies who we are
as a people. ... It is against what
our spirit is all about."Great Britain recently passed
legislation that allows research
using cloned baby embryos until
they are 14 days old. At that time,
the laboratory is required to termi-
nate those embryos.The research is purported to
improve life by understanding
areas as varied and vast as cancer,
aging, cystic fibrosis, and
Parkinson's disease.However, the problem is "that
the technology is ahead of legisla-
tion and society," said Diane Cox,Professor and Chair of Medical
Genetics at the University of
Alberta."Society decides what they find
ethically acceptable, and they need
to be informed to make the best deci-
sion on legislation," she explained.She called Canada's reticence
in establishing laws to govern
and regulate cloning biotechnology
"deplorable—there is no repro-
ductive legislation whatsoever. All
other countries have legislation—it
is like going to a meeting without
an agenda."The absence of laws to regulate or
govern human cloning in Canada,she says, could lead to a future
market for reproductive technol-
ogy. Steps have already been taken
towards this direction.As for future goals, Davis-
Mathias believes that the best
course of action is to "use public
forums so that we can finally have
something in writing."Cloning involves the use of stem
cells. These cells are found in early
stage embryos, and they can dif-
ferentiate into virtually any other
type of cell in the body. Scientists
can artificially induce stem cells to
develop into a genetically identical
individual to the stem cell donor.

Aggies reach for the STARS

Patrick Finlay
NEWS STAFFBar None conjures ideas of two-
steppin' and hoedowns, but this
year the event also raised \$4400 for
STARS (Alberta Shock Trauma Air
Rescue Society).On Wednesday, the Agriculture
Club presented the donation to
STARS. Bar None 2000 directors
Travis Wilson and Benjamin Sharkannounced that this donation
accompanied a further \$19 500 that
Bar None has raised for STARS in
the past seven years.STARS is dedicated to providing
safe, rapid, emergency aeromed-
ical transport systems to critically
ill and injured patients.Between 75 and 80 per cent
STARS's budget comes from fund-
raising. Without that money, it could
not keep up an Edmonton base.

Visiting Lectureship series brings in Nobel co-laureate

"ORBINSKY" CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

After receiving a degree in psy-
chology from Trent University,
Orbinski studied medicine at
McMaster, where he was offered a
year-long fellowship studying pedi-
atric AIDS in Rwanda.The conditions he encountered
in Rwanda moved Orbinski to
co-found the Canadian chapter
of MSF in 1990. Since then, he
has organized and participated in
relief missions in Zaire, Somalia,
Afghanistan, Peru, and Zambia.
Following his efforts during the
1994 Rwandan genocide disaster,
he was awarded the Meritorious
Service Cross for "a deed that
brings great honour to Canada."Orbinski feels strongly about the
need for widespread humanitar-
ian aid around the globe, although
he senses that "over the last few
years, [it] has become band-aids
for bullet wounds. It's not stopping
the bleeding and it's not dealing
with the causative factors."He advocates an outspoken
approach to dealing with human
rights atrocities, adhering to the
MSF dictum of "confronting the
responsible actors themselves and
issuing information publicly."He points out that "sometimes
one sees acts of war that are
beyond acceptability in such cir-
cumstances, one cannot stand by,"
and he emphasizes that "silent
acquiescence is a de facto legiti-
mization of forced migration and
starvation as an act of war."Orbinski admits that the human-
itarian's job is difficult and often
dangerous. He stresses the neces-
sity of maintaining hope under any
circumstance, but he warns "to
achieve it, one must see all par-
ties as human beings. This is what
humanitarianism is all about."Tickets for the lecture are avail-
able for \$40 at Ticketmaster.Last year, Madam Justice Louise
Arbour spoke. Archbishop Desmond
Tutu did the same the year before.

Geers hang Bug from Golden Gate

Alex Dimson
THE OBYSSYSAN FRANCISCO (CUP) —
University of British Columbia
engineering students hung the hull
of a Volkswagen Beetle off of the
Golden Gate Bridge Monday morn-
ing, kicking off their annual
Engineering Week.Putting delayed traffic and a
puzzled California Highway Patrol
behind them, a group of UBC engi-
neers sped away from the bridge
on Monday morning, leaving the
shell of a red Volkswagen Beetlepainted with a Canadian flag and a
red E dangling above the ocean.The prank started UBC's annual
Engineering Week activities, mark-
ing the twentieth anniversary of
a similar bugging on Vancouver's
Lions Gate Bridge.The hanging bug prank caused
a traffic jam around the bridge as
people slowed to look at the car
carcass before the highway patrol
cut the cables and the bug fell into
the bay.The event drew a fair amount of
press coverage, with at least one
report beginning, "Blame Canada."

Government grants funding for health research centre

Vianne Fung
NEWS STAFFConstruction of a new health
research centre at the U of A will
soon be well underway. Its intent
is to uphold Alberta's reputation in
the health sciences.The provincial government
announced yesterday that a total
of \$5 million will be allocated for
the planning and design of the
research building, towards con-
struction costs estimated at \$140
million.The facility would provide more
space for medical research at the
University. Administrators hope it
will attract and retain more health
researchers."It's crucial that new space be
created to allow the U of A to
expand its health research activ-ites," said Joel Weiner, Associate
Dean (Research) of the Faculty of
Medicine and Dentistry. "Today,
over 2000 technicians, research
associates, graduate students and
faculty members are involved in
health research. We want to expand
that number."President Rod Fraser asserted
that health research expansion is
at the forefront on the U of A's
agenda.According to Lorne Tyrell, Dean
of Medicine and Dentistry, the cur-
rent lack of research space in
Albertan universities is severe, and
counteracting it will hopefully ease
Alberta's "brain drain" situation."We're at the point now where
it's almost impossible to recruit
new people," said Tyrell.The centre is expected to add
approximately 500 000 square feet
of new space for health research.

COUNCIL FORUM

Students' Council meets every second Tuesday in the Council Chambers
in University Hall. Council meetings are open to all students.Tuesday's Student Council ses-
sion marked the third meeting in
as many weeks. Debate continued
on some key issues, including VP
(Ops & Finance) Greg Harlow's
proposed constitution changes,
Gateway autonomy, and off-cam-
pus student fees.Although it appalled some coun-
cillors, Council voted to hold an
additional Students' Council meet-
ing during mid-term week on 13
February.As the current Students' Council
members near the end of their
terms, they are hurrying for clo-
sure.Some councillors made an
amendment to the Standing Orders
of Council that enacted time limits
on speaking in council. Ironically,the debate on that change lasted
for 80 minutes ("Like a black fly in
your Chardonnay," President Leslie
Church commented wryly).

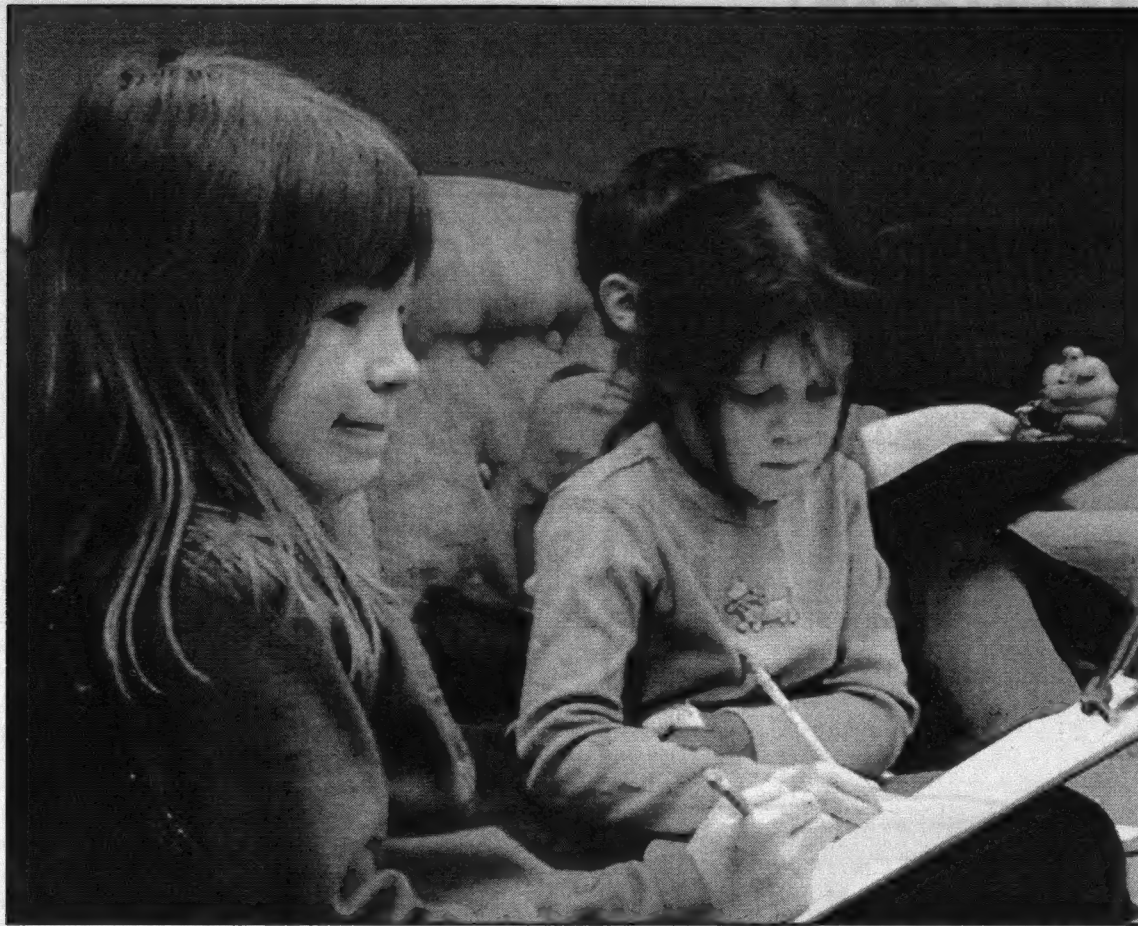
Other business

• VP (Ops & Finance) Greg Harlow
asked Council to approve a \$5915
expenditure to purchase a second
video projector for the Power Plant.
The SU hopes to increase reven-
ues by increasing programming
in Dewey's. This necessitates the
purchase of a second projector to
show alternate programming in the
Plant.• The APIRG referendum question
passed without complications.
Students will be asked whether
they support the creation of a Public
Interest Research Group with a

\$2.50-per-term student levy.

• The Gateway referendum ques-
tion was approved by Council. The
executive removed the clause that
calls for a \$1 reduction in SU fees,
and increased the Gateway's pro-
posed levy from \$2.00 to \$2.50.• Harlow's changes to the consti-
tution passed second reading. The
alterations would give Council the
ability to add new fees without limit
or to increase or decrease fees by
15 per cent each year. The proposal
goes to third reading next week.• VP (External) Naomi Agard
reported that the SU will be sur-
veying students in March to gauge
response to the ETS's proposal for
a mandatory transit-usage fee.• Agard reported that she met with
Edmonton MPs Anne McLellan,Deborah Grey, Nancy Kilgour,
Rahim Jaffer, Ray Rajotte, and
Peter Goldring and urged them
to address problems facing higher
education. Her three points were
rebuilding the campus infrastruc-
ture, restoring the CHST, and
relieving student debt. She said that
all MPs but Goldring recognised
post-secondary education as "both
essential and somewhat neglected
on the federal level."• An attendance record for Council
was released. Councillors who have
had perfect attendance include
Kirsten Odyanski (Arts), Dean
Jorgensen (Business), Kevin
Partridge (Engineering), Joe
Brindle (Engineering), President
Leslie Church, and VP (Academic)
Chris Samuel.

Compiled by Jon Dunbar and Shaun Flannigan



Barrie Tanner / THE GATEWAY

These grade two kids visited the Gateway offices Wednesday afternoon to study the fine art of newspaper-making. They came from the Child Study Centre, an elementary school on campus. We wanted to keep them as pets.

Tibetan autonomy should be a focus on Team Canada mission to China, MPs tell Chrétien

Darren Stewart
CUP OTTAWA BUREAU CHIEF

OTTAWA (CUP) — Prime Minister Jean Chrétien is being pressured by a group of MPs, including several from his own party, to push for negotiations between Tibet and China during the upcoming Team Canada trade mission to Beijing.

A group of 83 MPs representing all parties, including all 13 NDP members, sent a letter to the Prime Minister on Tuesday saying they're "profoundly concerned" with the situation in Tibet.

The letter said the MPs hope the Prime Minister can use the opportunity to "highlight Canada's international reputation as a defender of human rights" on his visit to China this Friday.

"This is really a modest request," said Liberal MP and Montréal human rights lawyer Irwin Cotler, who signed the letter. "This request is really consonant with both Canadian and Chinese values—the notion of compassion rather than contempt, inclusion rather than exclusion, reconciliation rather than recrimination or denunciation."

The group of MPs are hoping Chrétien can play a role in encouraging negotiations, rather than the confrontations instigated by the Chinese, that have sparked international outrage for human rights

violations, particularly in the areas of religious freedoms and political dissent.

Cotler said that trade and human rights concerns need not be mutually exclusive and are, in fact, closely related. He said that Canada could assist in opening up the relations between the two societies.

Alongside Cotler, Canadian Alliance MP Jason Kenney and NDP MP Svend Robinson spoke at a press conference in Ottawa, and were among those who signed the letter. Both noted how rare and significant it was for them to share a stage and an opinion on such an important issue.

Robinson, an avid human rights activist and NDP spokesperson on international relations, said conditions in China are as bad right now as they were during the 1989 Tiananmen Square riots. He said that Canada cannot in good conscience ignore the human rights situation in China during the upcoming trade mission.

"Team Canada must not only be about trade and corporate profit," said Robinson. "For too long we've been silent. Our government has been silent on human rights and the situation [in Tibet] has deteriorated significantly."

Robinson said the dialogue between the Tibetan and Chinese government is long overdue and could be facilitated by the Canadian trade team and lead to better rela-

tions between the two societies.

"This is something that demands the attention of the Prime Minister," added Kenney. "This is a modest request to encourage peaceful negotiations between the Dalai Lama and the government of China. It's something 99 per cent of Canadians agree should be done."

Thubten Samdup, president of the Canada Tibet Committee, said his group has been trying to convince the Canadian government for 20 years that it could play a unique role in facilitating diplomatic relations between Tibet and China.

"But the message doesn't quite get there, even though I've met many people [in government] who are sympathetic and supportive of our cause," he said. "Unfortunately that has not translated into concrete action."

He said that given Canada's good relations with China and its international reputation, the country could play a decisive role in the diplomatic process.

Cotler said he's requested a meeting with the Prime Minister before Chrétien leaves for China to discuss the issue.

Tibet has been involved in a 40-year non-violent struggle in seeking to reinstate its autonomy from China. Formal contact between the Dalai Lama, the political and religious leader of Tibet, and the Chinese government, was cut in 1993.

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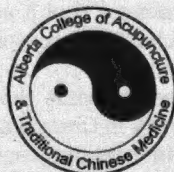
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EDITORIAL

It's time we unite the left

There's been a lot of recent talk about the future of the New Democrats. In the past election, the party lost seats, capturing only 4.3 per cent of the vote.

Indeed, the future seems grim for left-wing politics. Aside from the New Democrats, the Liberals are the only others ever called left-leaning. But when you consider Liberal cuts to education and healthcare alongside their push for tax cuts, they're only leftist by comparison. So if the NDP is the only party on the real left, and if they can't get much of the vote, Canada must ask if socialism is dead.

It isn't. In fifty years, when historians crack open the history books, they'll agree that one of the biggest myths of our time will be the alleged "death of socialism."

There's no doubt that left-wing politics have been on the decline since Trudeau-style spending gave big government a bad name. And there's a lot to be said for fiscal conservatism. But many fail to realize that socialist tendencies exist in all capitalist societies. Alan Greenspan, the most powerful disciple of super-libertarian Ayn Rand, is paradoxically practicing market intervention every time he adjusts the interest rate at the Federal Reserve in the US.

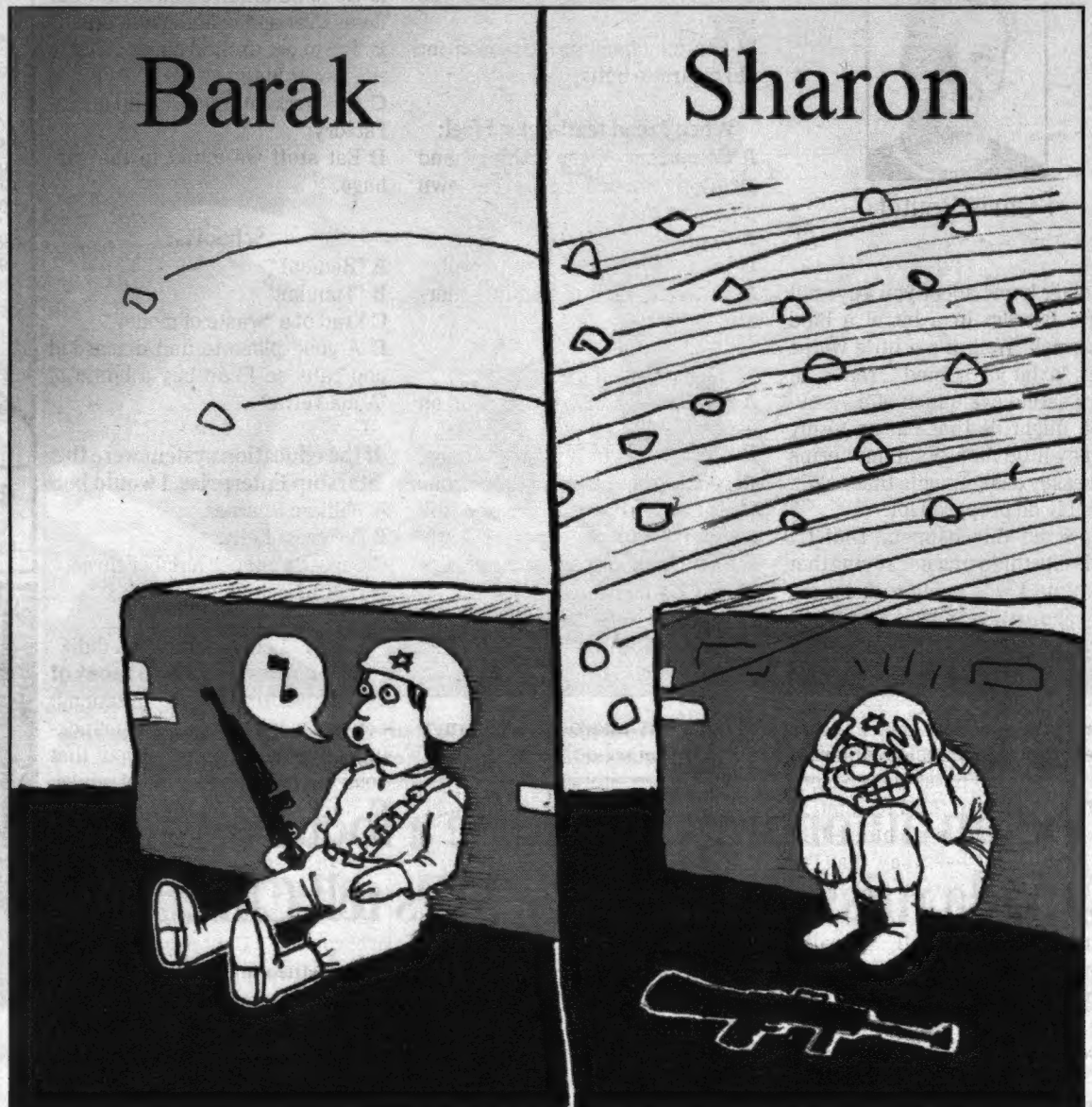
More locally, when Ralph Klein

decides to buy our votes with energy rebate cheques, he's unwittingly committing himself to a form of government that he's always fought against. With an election coming up, energy prices have made deregulated energy less palatable. To soften the blow, Klein has sent out the cheques to "protect" Albertans from market prices. But that's a clear example of the "paternalist" state he has fought against.

Despite its prevalence in our society, socialism has been dirtied—unfortunate, since many concerns about social justice now go easily ignored. The destruction of the environment continues with little abatement. Tuition is now affordable only for those more prosperous than their neighbours. The WTO and World Bank have shown that corporations are accountable only to themselves.

The stigma of overspending and deficit can't be placed on left-wing governments alone. Just look to Reagan, Mulroney, or Getty. Perhaps when the US economy slows, stops, and turns into a recession, we'll start to feel the pinch. When that happens, expect more "protective" measures.

Michael Winters
MANAGING EDITOR



LETTERS

Christians' carping shows hypocrisy

I want to congratulate *Gateway* editors for their interesting juxtaposition of the two letters concerning Christianity on Tuesday.

On one hand, Paul (no last name given) spews invective on the evils of homosexuality and gay marriages ("Gay marriages are banned by God," 6 February), suggesting that the human race will die out if same-sex couples can get married (by the way Paul, homosexuals always have been, and always will be, a minority).

On the other hand is David Wannas ("Are we really tolerant of Christians?," 6 February) who has the gall to wonder why people resent Christians when those like Paul (the letter-writer, not the disciple) are shrieking from the pulpit at those that do not conform to "Christian ways"—an ambiguous phrase at best.

So I'd like to say to Paul: you can't use parts of the Bible to declare behaviour you find distasteful as abominable without invalidating Jesus' teachings of love and compassion, as well as God's infinite capacity for forgiveness. It only paints you and your faith as hypocritical. If you can use Leviticus, so can I: "you shall love your neighbour as yourself" (19:19). If homosexuality really is a sin then leave that up to God. It's not your place.

And to David: if you want to change opinions about Christianity, then you have to stand up to fundamentalists like Paul, and tell them privately and publicly that hating those who are different is wrong.

There is too much going wrong with the world for us to try to stop two people who love each other from getting married. Do you really think that with all the poverty, disease, injustice, violence, and environmental decay going on in the world, stopping "fags" and "dykes" from entering a legally recognized marriage is more important?

If your faith motivates you to help alleviate the suffering in this world, then by all means do so, and you earn the right to trumpet your faith. But if it compels you to hurt others, you invite only anger, ridicule, and retribution.

JOSIAH SMITH
ARTS GRADUATE

Anti-gay letter is irrational itself

I find it interesting that Paul ("Gay marriages are banned by God," 6 February) should point to irrationality as the flaw of an argument.

To me, it is irrational to use God as the ultimate arbiter of wrong and right. Blind faith in God is in itself irrational. Why would you base all of your decisions and values on a religion some people invented 2000 years ago?

Could you decide something for yourself without first consulting the Bible? It's clear that the idea of God is a conjecture that fulfills spiritual comfort and order. The Christian god is only one manifestation of this need. I only have to point out hundreds of other reli-

gions around the world to show that it's popular to invent a higher power. Obviously, one can't ask Christianity alone for all the "right" answers.

I highly doubt that homosexual marriages will result in the extinction of the human race. You may not have noticed that we're in an overpopulation crisis right now. Besides, homosexuals existed before Christianity ever came up.

If you are so secure in your ideology and straight sexuality, who cares? Will gay marriages affect your life as adversely as you think? Look at all of the problems experienced by kids in straight families! They're all "normal," right?

You're uncomfortable with homosexuality and you're expressing your fear through the word of God, which you are also too afraid to question.

MADELEINE ANI
ARTS III

Blame Christians for their own bad wrap

In response to the letter written by David Wannas about society's intolerance towards Christians (Are we really tolerant of Christians?," 6 February), I would like to suggest that Christians are somewhat deserving of their unsavory reputation.

We certainly have not been provided with examples of admirable Christians as of late. People like Jesse Jackson, Jim and Tammy Faye Baker and Stockwell Day have proven themselves fine examples of hypocrisy. They strike deadly blows on the face of Christianity with their views and lifestyles.

Christians make a large contribution to the hatred and intolerance of society, refusing to educate themselves about other faiths and excluding specific groups, such as homosexuals, from their tight-knit cliques. Many Christians are happy to spend hours debating minor theological points but fail to alleviate the suffering of their fellow men.

This starkly contrasts the ideal Christians, who as representatives of God live to honour and worship Him through their love.

As a Christian, I am personally ashamed at my failure to take this responsibility seriously and disappointed at my inability to be full of this wonderful love. Instead, I find myself fitting nicely into the stereotype of the closed-minded, legalistic, judgmental Bible-thumper.

Christians are the ones who are truly responsible for disparaging Christianity.

CELIA ALEXANDER VALEL
COMPUTER ENGINEERING II

Mayoral candidate 'clarifies' news story

I would like to make a few statements to clarify the news story on myself, Joe Devaney ("U of A student throws his hat in the mayoral ring," 6 February).

It might appear to some that I attended university in Ontario and that I am fluent in three languages. Actually, I worked a co-op term in Ontario but was still a U of A student. I am not fluent in three other languages, I am just learning them and I hope to be fluent in them soon.

In addition, I made a statement

saying, "I put myself center, maybe a bit right of center, and obviously I am pro-business and initiative." Isn't being pro-business a little farther to the right than "a bit"? The answer is yes.

However, in municipal politics, one does not join or become bound to a political party, as is the case in provincial and federal politics. This means that I and other municipal politicians are not restricted to supporting solely capitalist or socialist initiatives.

I support increased business but would not hesitate to support a strong social program or idea if I believed in it. I guess, instead of calling myself "pro-business," I would call myself "pro-good-ideas."

When examining restrictions of municipal councilors, the major obstacle is that each member is only one vote of thirteen. Beware of any municipal politicians who make promises that would need more than their one vote. How can you make promises that others would have to keep for you, especially if there are no parties?

JOE DEVANEY
BUSINESS IV

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Cosmo quiz: are you a good student?



Chris Boutet

I don't know about you guys out there, but I'm in a bit of a bind this week. Well, it's a little worse than "a bit of a bind," really. A more astute evaluation of my situation might be that I'm up to my chubby little man-tits in midterms and essay assignments that I can't possibly be prepared for.

How did this happen? Didn't I come into this semester saying that this time I was going to keep my head above water? Keep up with my readings? Be at least half-aware, at even a subconscious level, of what was going on in my classes?

Yikes.

See, the problem is as follows: I like beer. A lot. Probably even more than that guy at the LRT station who's always talking to himself. In fact, one might even say that I'm having one right now, at 9:30 in the morning! Ha ha! Man, am I cool.

Or not cool at all, actually. Anyhow, seeing as we're all about three quarters of the way through this Dickensian nightmare of a sweatshop that we call a post-secondary year, I think it would be a good time for all of us to take a step back and evaluate the levels of our resolve as students.

So take five minutes away from your "compact disc players" and "fashion magazines" to fill out this space-filling and also very useful, Cosmo-esque quiz!

When I am at school, I:

- A** Go to all of my classes, no matter how boring and unenlightening they are.
B Only go to the classes I feel I'm

getting behind in.

- C** Drink Köld and play Golden Tee Fore.
D Beg for change and search for old cigarette butts.

When I read textbooks, I feel:

- A** Competent, on top of things, and strangely turned on by my own preparedness.
B Confused, irritable.
C Like a retarded dog on Graval.
D Illiterate, kind of smelly, generally unkempt.

I go to the on-campus bars:

- A** Once a week, if I've caught up on everything.
B At least two or three times, depending on my money situation.
C So much that you can see the contours of my magnificently sculpted ass in most of the chairs at RATT.
D Because I love the attention I get while being hauled out, screaming incoherently.

Finish this anecdote: 'One time, I was at school, and I ...'

- A** Studied quietly in CAB.
B Smelled some marijuana smoke while reading my Physics text in the bathroom.
C Did [random stupid action sequence] while totally [under the influence of something that wasn't a textbook].
D Creeped out some girl, then passed out in the Athletics Lounge in HUB until some security guards hauled me out, screaming incoherently.

When I'm feeling low, I:

- A** Go to Student Counselling Services, where I can get reliable, confidential peer support, whatever my needs may be.
B Have a beer.
C Beat the shit out of Mike Winters.
D Try to steal semi-edible office supplies from the Bookstore, followed up by the classic "scream incoherently."

'Hey, it's Friday night! Let's ...'

- A** Go to Callahan's and review our notes over sodas and pizza bread!
B Try to get excited about going to the Power Plant!
C Go work at the Old Spaghetti Factory!
D Eat stuff we found in the garbage.

School is:

- A** "Radical."
B "Tubular."
C Kind of a "waste of money."
D A good place to find discarded pop cans so I can buy a bottle of "Aqua Velva."

If the education system were the Starship Enterprise, I would be:

- A** William Shatner.
B DeForest Kelly.
C Security Officer number three.
D Confused and hungry.

Alright! Let's see how you did!

If you answered A to most of the questions: Congratulations! You're the best student in the fucking universe! Rest assured that your future will be full of nines, high-paying jobs, and gigantic piles of accumulated pornography to fulfill your need for human contact, of which you'll have none. Yay!

If you answered B: Hey, look everyone! It's Captain Status Quo! You are the embodiment of vanilla ice cream, cheddar cheese, and any Tom Hanks/Meg Ryan romantic comedy all mixed into a big grey pail. How does that feel? Pretty average, I bet. Rad!

If you answered C: Your name is Chris Boutet, and you've probably been getting my bank statements mailed to you. I need those, jerk! Stop being me already! Damn!

If you answered D: You're more than likely a hobo—or at very least a hobo-in-training—but not the cute, derby-wearing type of hobo that plays the harmonica and eats beans out of a tin can. Quit being creepy and get off of campus now. Awesome!

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Colleen Underwood

As another Valentine's Day approaches, highlighting my hopes for celebrating a real romance, I'm compelled to reflect on my involuntary decision to be single.

I greet each Valentine's Day, whether I am single at the time or not, with disdain. It's another commercially-constructed hegemonic celebration that subtly reinforces the power of tradition.

Valentine's Day originated in the seventeenth century, creating one occasion from two separate origins.

The first took place is from the reign of the Roman Empire, and involved the ritual of young men selecting girls' names from a jar on the eve of the Festival of Lupercalia. The ritual's aim was to initiate a contrived union into marriage.

The second story, to which the namesake is owed, involved a Catholic priest named Valentine who secretly married couples (without the emperor's consent) and was resultingly executed. Apparently he was clubbed, stoned and beheaded, and subsequently martyred for his refusal to give up Christian beliefs, rocketing him into sainthood. Perhaps his death led to the symbolic use of red on this day.

But no matter how you slice it, Valentine's Day ultimately reinforces conformity to a patriarchal notion of a heterosexual union. Unfortunately, our society perpetuates these norms by continuing a tradition that celebrates male-female relationships and by nature of its origin, discriminates against singles and other sexual relationships. I'll refer to Gloria Steinem, who said that romance "rewards those for abiding by the norm and threatens the rebels with rejection and loneliness."

Recalling my own memories of paper hearts and candied love tarts, I remember there being enormous value placed on the girl who had the most valentines. The idea of keeping a heterosexual tally complemented traditional feminine or masculine role-playing.

Even today, people react uncomfortably and pitifully when they find out that you're single. "When are you ever going to find someone?" friends always ask. This pressure is only magnified when Valentine's Day comes along.

Secondly, and more visibly, Valentine's Day has become a growing commercial enterprise. Commercial valentines began in the 1800s and this is now the second most popular card-giving holiday (behind Christmas). It's nothing more than a paper-wasting tradition to be reaped and raped by retailers.

Valentine's Day's fabricated romance is a fallacy that mesmerizes humans to detract from the reality that it's just another day. Love shouldn't be parceled, wrapped and bow-tied just to sell a few cards and flowers.

Valentine's Day is an excellent opportunity to get dumped



Christie Tucker

So, have you bought all of your overpriced tasteless crap yet? If you really want to give your significant other something special this year, why not break his or her red, lacy, chocolate-filled little box-shaped heart.

Yes, boys and girls, you guessed it. It's time for the Gateway's annual "Valentine's Day sucks" rant, and I'm just the woman to serve it up.

There's something special about this time of year—the unmitigated tyranny of romance (read: oh-so-blah Safeway carnations and costly, yet disappointing, dinners at Joey Tomatoes). The only escape for the romantically entwined is this: sincerity or death. If you can't rustle up the former, you know it's time to put your lifeless relationship out of its misery.

Picture this if you can: you and your "Valentine" are strolling through West Edmonton Mall, on your way from a starch-fest at the Old Spaghetti Factory to dance at some recently re-opened crime-scene nightclub. You catch a glimpse in a mirrored column of you and a person you don't really like holding hands. Your mind wanders to a time when you were happy, care-free, alone. Survey says it's time to cut some dead weight loose.

Sounds like a harsh prescription for V-Day happiness? Maybe, but it's the only escape from the tepid relationship purgatory we endure every year under orders from Hallmark. It's bad taste to break up on V-Day, right? Wrong: what's tasteless is summoning insincere feelings and prolonging an uncomfortable relationship for the sake of a commercial celebration of things women are supposed to like: overpriced flowers, sugary chocolate (yuck), and teddy bears (double yuck).

Yeah, I said "supposed to." Really, I cannot think of any person who wouldn't rather have a genuine Valentine's kiss than a resentfully-offered bouquet of roses. Men, don't think you're forced to make like Tom Hanks on Wednesday because

your babe wants you to. Unwilling niceties are the last thing anybody wants.

We should all think of Valentine's Day as our chance to do our significant others the honour of making them a martyr to the Valentine's Day massacre. Is the relationship stale? Don't spend money on garbage nobody really wants. You can do your Valentine no bigger favour than to make yourself the badass and give the poor dear commiseration rights and the moral high ground. Breaking up is what separates us from the animals.

If your heart's not in romancing up your baby, Valentine's Day is a double-edged sword—either act like a human being and end the charade, or join your kinfolk in the forest, you gutless weasel.

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- 8 The plane is coin-operated.
- 7 The in-flight meal is a piece of toast and a Gravel served in a barf bag. Fifty cents more for cheese.
- 6 The name of the airline is Creaky Pete's Big Ole' Flying Machines.
- 5 The only instructions on the emergency card are how to give last rites.
- 4 One of the wings falls off during de-icing and has to be re-iced back on.
- 3 In-flight entertainment consists of watching sparks fly out of engine number one.
- 2 The overhead compartments are full of illegal aliens.
- 1 The captain formally requests that anyone with a working knowledge of "red blinking lights" report to the cockpit immediately.

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A simple coffee purchase gives birth to 'Nickelback'

Canadian rockstars look for inspiration in the everyday, including taking their name from routine Starbucks purchase

GIG PREVIEW

Nickelback
with Everclear
Shaw Conference Center
12 February

Sheldon Biamonte
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

Some technology is useless and thus deserves to be bashed. Nickelback, a four-piece group originally from Hanna, Alberta, would agree with such a philosophy.

They bashed and burned their share of technology in their own backyard while filming their video for "Leader of Men."

"It was a lot of fun," states Mike Kroeger, bassist and brother of lead singer Chad. "The cops came out to arrest us, we filmed them, and they ended up leaving."

It was this sort of creativity that landed Nickelback on the North American rock charts less than two years ago. Forming in 1996, the band left Hanna for the bigger

music scene in Vancouver. They got their name when Kroeger, who was working at Starbucks at the time, was making change, and said "here's your nickel back." An innocuous transaction at a coffee-shop struck Kroeger as a great title for the group. Not everything came so easy for the band, however.

"From day one, it was a struggle," notes Kroeger. "The whole process of being a beginning and unknown artist, not being compensated, and having other jobs outside of the band was hard. Success came shortly before the summer of 1999 when Nickelback sold 40 million copies of their album, *The State*. This didn't result in instant fame and fortune, but rather the opportunity to become a full-time band that wasn't struggling anymore. "We got out of debt and saw some of the fruits from our labour," he explains.

These fruits included lucrative record deals in both Canada and the US. The band has also covered much territory since then, touring throughout the States, including Hawaii, and of course, most of

Canada.

Nickelback takes the same approach to songwriting as they did in picking their name—drawing upon the everyday experiences. "Things that get under [lead singer] Chad's skin and trouble him in daily life," notes Kroeger. The result are songs with titles, like "Curb," "Cowboy Hat," and "Window Shopper."

As for the Nickelback sound, Kroeger says "when an artist begins practicing art, you have influences that you incorporate into your style and make a brand new sound." This "new" sound has garnered the group healthy airplay on MTV and Much Music.

There is no doubt that the band has managed to become hit-makers by not only concentrating on the business side of things but also just getting out there and playing night after night. Kroeger offers the advice to rookie bands that they "have to stick with it, keep going, and God willing, you will be a success."

If not, there's always that job at Starbucks.



KJ Banuk / Courtesy of www.nickelback.com



Power Plant serves up plenty of *Survivor* drama

SURVIVORMANIA

Survivor II
Power Plant
Every Thursday

Jon Dunbar
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

Nice guys (don't) finish last. That's what TV viewers learned watching Richard Hatch connive his way to \$1 million, and that's the cardinal lesson the current batch of reality-based survivors seem to take to heart.

What makes this run so different from the first series is that the current contestants have actually seen *Survivor* on TV. They know some of the tricks and strategies. There's a lot more backstabbing going on, and a lot more people vying for power.

Last episode, we saw Jerri orchestrate a brilliantly insidious plot, in which she tricked the others into distrusting Kel. Only in reality-based TV could an actor outsmart an army intelligence officer.

Here's an interesting tidbit: Jerri grew up in a military family, and

moved every three to four years as her dad was transferred around. A bit of pent-up anger, perhaps?

Going into the third episode, each team is down by one player. Remember, we're now watching a bunch of *Survivor*-educated contestants competing for a respectable amount of money. Things are going to get hairy.

Next to go: Keith from the Ogakor or Jeff from the Kucha. Jeff showed weakness on the first day when he puked all over the Outback, and Keith has made some very lame attempts to take leadership of the Ogakor. Jerri won't let him last long.

My pick for last survivor: Maralyn, the retired police inspector. She got the loudest cheers last week during the repulsive bug-eating challenge for the gusto exhibited when she pulled out her dentures.

Survivor II airs in the Power Plant every Thursday at 9:00pm. Viewers are invited to cast their vote for who will be voted off the island, and who will remain at the end. Prizes are awarded in a draw. For those who missed last week's episode, it will be rebroadcast at 8:00pm.

Heads up beer fans, Tsunami has hit campus

BEERI

Tsunami Beer Launch
2 February

Iain Ilich
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

Once again, the U of A has its own special beer on-tap on campus.

Specially brewed to specifications set forth by students involved in the U of A's Molson Project, Molson brewed a quantity of roughly 300 kegs, or, about 17 000 litres of Tsunami, a limited-edition beer available at the U of A's bars, specifically directed towards students' preferences.

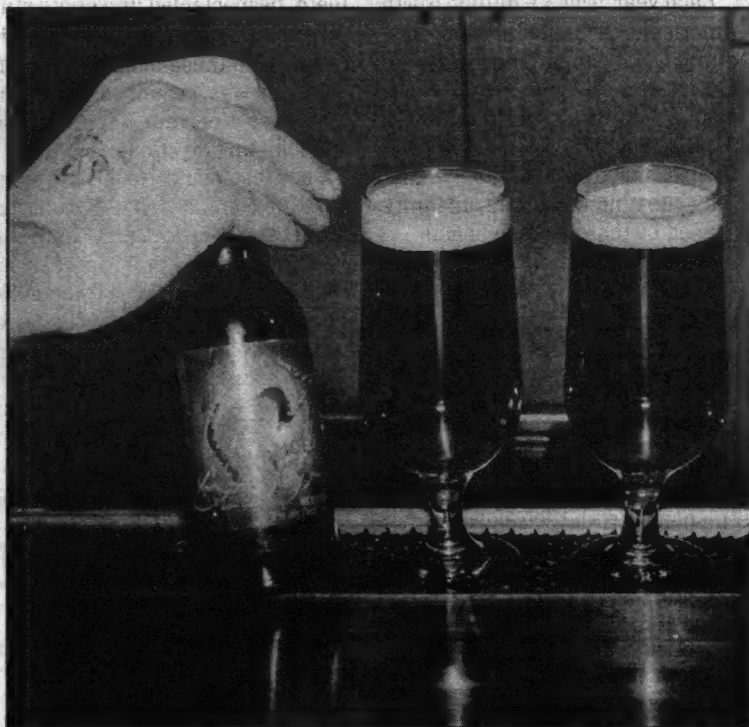
That's about 30 000 pints, in case you're interested, or somewhere in the range of one pint for every student.

When dealing with such a vast quantity of beer, the Molson Project team understood from the beginning that their first priority was making sure their beer would be enjoyed by the average beer-drinking student. As such, they held an open taste-tasting at the Power Plant last November, looking to identify exactly what it was that students wanted in a beer.

According to Brad Kronewitt, the Tsunami Project co-head coordinator, the turnout at the tasting was excellent, with roughly 50 per cent of tasters favouring the beer that eventually went on to become Tsunami, easily defeating the two other potential candidates.

The beer was very well received at the launch party with all of the people questioned greatly enjoying the beer. "It's tasty and refreshing, with a nectarine-like aftertaste," commented Margaret Brodie, one of the many in attendance.

Nigel Lavers thought Tsunami was "a great party beer. You get



the sexes bonding. The men like the beer, and the women like the taste.

"I don't like beer, but I like this," noted Kari Lonsdale, while Hart Starr-Crawford liked the lack of a strong aftertaste. Although, he noted, "They shouldn't have tip jars if they under-pour the beers," remarking how several of his pints were at least a couple of inches shy of the rim.

So, what does Tsunami taste like? Well, it's light, fizzy, and sweet, with little hop flavour, along with a powerful fruitiness, almost tasting a bit like grape. Perhaps the most defining aspect of this beer, however, lies in its pleasing smoothness. It's quite hard to drink only one, as the roomful of plastic cups made apparent.

Basically, it's a refreshingly simple lager with very little aftertaste while still maintaining a bit of a tasty tang.

The launch-light party was packed to capacity, having sold the last of the event's 600 tickets earlier in the day.

Luigi Simpatico, Tsunami's merchandise co-leader, was quick to point out that those who didn't manage to get out to the launch night need not despair, as they will still be able to attend the massive 16 February Tsunami Party to be held at Red's. Also, there will be several smaller launch events at the various campus bars, including the 8 February RATT launch, as well as an eventual launch at Lister's Ship.

It goes without saying that if there is beer available on campus to drink it will probably get drunk, be it low-end Pilsner, imported Guinness, or our own Tsunami, but it's nice to know that U of A students are working hard to get each other drunk in the most pleasant way possible.



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Behold the mighty metal wrath of the Gravedigger

Just what is the appeal of vehicular carnage?

EVENT REVIEW

Monster Jam 2001
Skyreach Center
4 February

Kim Steele

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

Each year, over 1.6 million North Americans flock to arenas, stadiums, and super speedways to experience monster-truck madness. This past weekend, over 20 000 fans packed the Skyreach Centre to experience first-hand the intestine-churdling insanity caused by these brutish beasts.

I was one of these fans.

Gearheads have been turning out in droves to these so called sporting events ever since the first side-by-side monster truck races tore up the US Hot Rod Association (USHRA) circuit in 1982. From that time forward, monster trucks have become bolder, bigger, and badder. To keep up with their carnivorous machines, drivers and the number of events have grown exponentially.

But what is it that feeds the beast? What is the fascination with these larger-than-life Lords of Destruction? What is the mythos behind the madness?

As my partner and I rode the LRT to the Skyreach Centre on Sunday afternoon, we looked for a hint of the binding force that brought everyday (and not-so-everyday) Edmontonians to Monster Jam 2001.

Boarding the train at University Station, we had the rare advantage of observing the monster-truck fans that embarked from the University. From our vantage point, we were able to pick out a monster-truck-goer from a distance in no time flat. Rarely were our judgments wrong. We could see it in their walk. We could hear it in their talk. We could feel it in their smile. And we most certainly could smell it on their breath. They were cuckoo for monster trucks.

What we noticed that day is that monster-truck fanatics cannot be placed in a box. You cannot tell a monster-truck fan from a non-fan

simply from the shoes that they wear or the jacket on their back. To be sure, there were fanatics from all walks of life: MMCs (Mullet Moustache Combos), flashy women in acid-wash trench coats, ominous men in full-on leather, down-to-earth nature enthusiasts with landscape painted polar fleeces, sticky-faced children with missing teeth, bespectacled university students with severe cases of bed-head. What these folks did have in common was certain glimmer in their eyes, a certain *je ne sais quoi*, a fascinating mystique.

But what could we all possibly have in common? It's difficult to believe that we all came together to watch slack-jawed as Grave Digger performed its trademark rear bumper stand to win, once again, the freestyle competition with a score of three perfect tens. It's even harder to fathom that it was Monster Patrol's victory in the side-by-side races, or Team Calgary's ass-whuppin' on Team Edmonton in the quad races. And while it's possible that many a fan came to revel in the bumper-to-bumper action of the demolition derby, it's not very likely.

We simply couldn't nail it down. Was it the thunderous rumbling that rose up from the bowels of raging machine monsters that brought us forth in droves? Was it the pull of the powerful 1600 horsepower engines?

Was it the odd sense of the sublime, the collective sense of awe, created by the colossal giants before us? Or did we come to bear witness to the eternal struggle of man? Did we come to see man conquer machine, or did we come to see machine conquer man? Perhaps we just came for the bad burgers.

Truth be told, neither my partner nor I could figure out what lay beneath our pilgrimage. But as we stood for the singing of O Canada, I looked to the people in the box seats, I looked to the people in the cheap seats, and I looked to the people in the front row, and damn if I wasn't happy to know that, at the end of the day, we'd all be blowing the same acrid dirt out of our noses.

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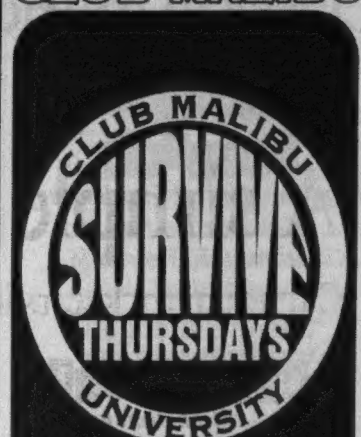
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Classical music builds houses

CONCERT PREVIEW

Keys for Habitat Fundraiser
Convocation Hall
Saturday, 10 February

Shaun Flannigan
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

Being a classical musician isn't always fun. Megan Miller, a third-year music student at the U of A, related a story about one of her friends who was performing in a nursing home: "They had to wheel somebody out because they were screaming 'terrible' during the performance."

Miller, who is performing in this Saturday's Keys for Habitat concert expects only positive response

to Habitat for Humanity fundraiser. The show will feature "a range of classical piano performances" from antiquated standards to contemporary pieces.

The concert will feature a host of U of A's best. Other students from the Faculty of Music set to perform include Joel Harder, Carmen Ouellette, Adam Johnson, Ruston Vuori, and Keith Hills. "Ruston has been commissioned to write for the Red Deer Symphony," Miller added, demonstrating the level of talent that these students possess.

Miller echoed the other performers' thoughts on the charity event by pointing out that "it's our responsibility [to do the show]. I think we have to."

For \$10 you can take in the show at Convocation Hall at 8:00pm. Irate seniors not included.

Assault Centre encourages artistic expression

EVENT PREVIEW

Night of Expression

Presented by the U of A
Sexual Assault Centre
Thursday, 8 February
Tenth floor, Education lounge

Erika Thorkelson
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

When you're affected by sexual assault, often the hardest thing to do is find a voice.

But Night of Expression will allow just that in an environment as secure and confidential as they need.

Night of Expression was started four years ago by volunteers at the U of A Sexual Assault Centre as a night of poetry. The evening

is a part of the centre's biannual Sexual Assault Awareness Week, currently underway.

Two years ago, the evening expanded to encompass song, narrative, drama, and artwork so that anyone can have a voice in a variety of mediums.

According to Kris Fowler, the director of the Sexual Assault Centre, Night of Expression is "an opportunity for people who have been affected by the issue of sexual assault to express any thoughts, feelings, impressions, around the issue itself."

She stresses that it will be a safe environment for those affected, either directly or indirectly, to interact through their art, writing, and music.

Guest speaker will be Pam Brown, a U of A student and Sexual

Assault Centre volunteer who will speak about her own poetry. The experience will be an intimate and honest discussion of feelings around the incredibly difficult subject of sexual assault.

Fowler commented that "it's really quite a variety of emotions, not just pain and sadness", some pieces are also about empowerment and anger. The result will be an unpredictable range of pieces that cover every part of the experience of sexual assault and the feelings around it.

You can bring in your own work to read at the Tenth Floor Education Lounge (not Kiva room as stated on the posters), or if you are uncomfortable with reading it yourself, there are volunteers available at the Sexual Assault Centre in room 2-602 in SUB.

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Sarah Hoyles
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The formula has been proven successful time and time again. Now the latest installment of manufactured teen-pop groups has surfaced—meet Dream. Backed by Sean "Puffy" Combs' Bad Boy label, the four girls making up the group are pushing their way into the fifteen-minute spotlight.

The standard topics featured on Dream's debut album include love, heartbreak, cheating boyfriends, parties, and a dash of girl-power. The disc cashes in on last year's Latin music explosion as well as the mainstreaming of rave music. Plus, no album produced by Bad Boy Records would be complete without interludes full of cheap plugs by Puff Daddy himself. Shamelessly trying to appeal to everyone, it only serves to dilute the already two-dimensional identity of this trendy girl group.

I guarantee that Power 92 will overplay their songs, teenage girls will mimic them, and teenage boys will gawk at the mid-riff baring pubescent sex symbols. There is absolutely nothing new or innovative about this group and their insipid music. But maybe that is the genius behind Dream ... the element of no-surprise.



Various Artists
Bright Spaces
Rouder Records
www.brighthorizons.com/foundation/

Adam Rozenhart
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

If you feel like reliving your childhood and donating to a worthy cause, then Bright Spaces is the CD for you. This compilation of children's music is fun-filled and very diverse.

With songs by Ziggy Marley, Sweet Honey in the Rock and of course, Raffi, this compilation would make the perfect gift for your young child, brother, or sister. The music is fun and upbeat and features such great classics as "Something In My Shoe" and a wonderfully re-mastered "This Land Is Your Land," sung by both Arlo and Woody Guthrie.

Proceeds from CD sales go to the Bright Spaces Program, set up to provide children in homeless shelters with stimulating, fun and educational areas in which to play.

So, if your son or daughter has a birthday coming up, this CD would make a terrific gift. Raffi rules!



LeAnn Rimes
I Need You
Curb Records
www.curbrecords.com

Neil Parmar
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

According to a letter written by Rimes to her fans, "this album [*I Need You*] is not a reflection of myself as an artist, but is solely the conception of Curb Records, and for that I am truly and deeply sorry." As a result, she's suing,

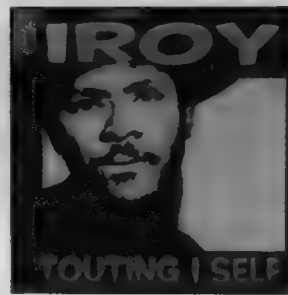
among others, her own father.

While the disc consists of mostly unfinished songs and B-sides that Rimes would prefer stay in the recording studio, the album displays her diverse talent by showcasing various musical genres that she's performed in.

"Can't Fight The Moonlight," courtesy of her cameo in *Coyote Ugly*, provides an edgier dance beat, whereas a number of other tracks still rely heavily on her powerhouse vocals. This routine, however, has slowly given way to the soft whispers that are featured in both "Soon" and the inspirational title track.

Additionally, the pop rhythms that have allowed Shania Twain and Faith Hill to cross over from country to the pop mainstream are present on this disc as well, but as Rimes said, she had no creative control over the project.

But is this necessarily a bad thing?



I Roy
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MUSIC SPACES

I Roy is not alone in the ridiculous name business, there's also a U Roy, and presumably there exist a We Roy and a He Roy.

I Roy, also known as Roy Reid, is a traditional Jamaican musician

who perfected the toasting style that's mostly heard in dancehall these days.

If you've ever wondered where musicians like Beenie Man, Capleton, and Sizzla got their sound, now you know.

Joining I Roy on this collection are famous musicians such as Skatalites founder Tommy McCook, Sly Dunbar (no relation), Robbie Shakespeare, and a drummer simply listed as "Santa."

They deliver a very solid platter of 16 lilting reggae songs, each of which deserves more than a footnote in history.

The grammar flutters between silly bumpkin and preachy Rastafarian, with the delightful "Knotty Down Deh," the title track "Touting I Self," and "Repatriation Is A Must."

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SOCIAL INTERCOURSE

Yana's Friends
Metro Cinema
Thursday, 8 February

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Stirling
with Little Baby Cupcakes
The Rev Cabaret
Friday, 9 February

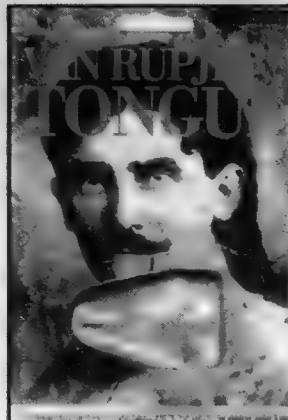
If you believe the things we've apparently misquoted them on, Stirling is made up of sassy foxes who have difficulty ignoring their own hair long enough to realize what pretentious things they're saying. Mind you, they have good taste in opening bands. Case in point: the Little Baby Cupcakes. These local darlings are indeed tasty little baked goods of western delight as fine as Edmonton's clever ovens can conjure. Yum!

Bob Log III
with Whitey Houston
The Rev Cabaret
Saturday, 10 February

According to label geniuses at Fat Possum Records, Mr Log's left hand was at one point replaced by a monkey paw that dictates his saucy blues and rhythm. According to Mr Log, he's not wearing a helmet. But he is, and it's black and wired with a telephone receiver. I tell no lies. Demystify this confused narrative by attending dear student, and hear a one-man band experience hitherto not experienced. Oh, sweet confusion.

Compiled by Raymond Biesinger

CULTURA OBSCURA



Van Rupjik's Tongue

Skip
PROMOTION EDITION

Now, everyone knows how much I like tongue. Once I saw this little gem, I could barely keep my mouth off it.

I quickly noticed, however, that

this was no ordinary tongue. In fact, it even says not to eat it even though it's non-toxic. Needless to say, I was horribly disappointed.

So then, Van Rupjik's tongue: Apparently Peter Van Rupjik, a seventeenth-century Danish painter, lost the use of his hands after attempting to pick up a piece of red-hot iron with his bare hands while working for his blacksmith of a father-in-law.

As a result of Van Rupjik's ultimate stupidity, he was forced to continue his trade as an artist using only his tongue (after failing to learn to paint with his feet). The paintings, of course, turned out to be his greatest works and now, thanks to a clever businessman working in a terribly underpaid position; you can hold that sacred tongue in your hand, or "squeeze it, squash it, or smash it" or "throw it against a glass surface, such as a window or mirror, and watch it crawl down by itself."

And in true idiot style, Mr Van Rupjik died of turpentine poisoning.

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Heather Adler
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If you've ever tried impressing a girl with classy French pick-up lines you learned back in some remedial high-school class and found yourself accidentally whispering "I am pleasuring myself," rather than "It is my pleasure," then you realize how difficult foreign languages can be.

You probably also realize what a dumbass you are.

Now there is a website dedicated to exposing poor translations of English as seen on all kinds of consumer goods.

There are amusing warning labels on children's dolls, such as "A dangerous toy. This toy is being made for the extreme priority the good looks. The little part which suffocates when the sharp part which gets hurt is swallowed is contained generously. Only the person who can take responsibility by itself is to play." Get it?

Other highlights include photos of a giant "No Smoking" sign painted on the side of a Japanese office building, and a bottle of water which label reads "Moistens your body rapidly and softens your soul gently. Postonic is life for us all." Just when was the last time you found a bottle of water that softened your soul?

Cultura Obscura sometimes funny stuff is, weird makes good soul fun today people!

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Elections are now on!

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Upcoming Events

February 8

Advanced Polling at GSA office (North Power Plant)

February 12

Official Candidate Debate 5 pm Banquet Room, Lister Hall

February 14 & 15

Voting days at GSA office and select departments
(see last page for more information)

The Candidates

Executive Vice President Shannon McEwen (BREWS)

I'm Shannon McEwen and I want to be the next Executive VP. I'm part of the BREWS team because I firmly believe we are a cohesive unit that brings experience, dedication, new ideas, and a commitment to the U of A graduate students. What do I bring to this position? Dedication, experience, and a commitment to you. Why do I want to be Exec VP? Because I have the experience this position requires and know that you need a strong President-Exec VP team to make this job work. Brad and I are just such a team. Over the past year, I have served as President and Brad as Exec VP working on key issues such as tuition, provincial and federal lobbying, student housing, and many others. We want to continue our efforts and feel we can continue to serve you best by maintaining this cohesive and experienced partnership.

What are the key issues for this portfolio in the next year?

- Successfully implementing graduate student sessional and trust-holder contracts—Brad has worked all year with his GSANC team to write these and I will see this hard work through to fruition
- Continuing the tuition battle—this year, Brad and I successfully negotiated the tuition increase from a potential high of 7.9% to 3.2%
- Represent U of A graduate students provincially and nationally—as outgoing co-chair of the Alberta Graduate Council (AGC) I have made strong connections provincially and nationally

I think you should understand the make-up of BREWS and what we offer you: Brad and I have worked as a close team over the past year and have shared many successes that benefit graduate students at the U of A. Rebecca joined GSA council in September and has been actively involved in supporting the endeavors and goals of the current GSA Exec. Eliza is a new graduate student at the U of A but has shown her dedication and commitment through both her department and GSA service on other campuses. Wendy has been my AGC VC Communications & Admin this year, successfully launching AGC and ran a province-wide tuition postcard campaign. Shannon is the current GSA President, has served as VP Finance and Admin (1999-2000) and as a GSA Councilor (1997-1999), has successfully negotiated a better tuition deal for students, and is committed to enhancing the graduate student experience at the U of A.

My involvement with the GSA both as current President and as a Councilor has shown me how crucial it is that the Exec work together as a team. This is the only way to successfully advance key initiatives and will allow us to implement new and improved services—like Wendy's commitment to increasing the number and type of scholarship and professional development workshops, Rebecca's desire to see the GSA e-journal flourish, and Eliza's commitment to building community for graduate students. Come out and vote BREWS—we want to serve you and know we have the desire, enthusiasm, energy, and commitment to do it!

President (Acclaimed) Brad Wuetherick (BREWS)

My name is Brad Wuetherick and I am currently the GSA Exec VP, as well as an MA student in the department of History and Classics, and am pleased to be running for the position of President. Being Exec VP has taught me that the GSA executive positions need a well-balanced and experienced team to ensure that the past five years of GSA successes continue. This is why I am pleased to be a part of the BREWS slate. Our team of Brad for President, Rebecca for VP Internal, Eliza for VP Student Services, Wendy for VP Academic, and Shannon for Executive VP, would provide the experience, enthusiasm, fresh ideas, and passion needed to make the University of Alberta a better place for graduate students.

The BREWS team is proven and effective—Shannon and I have worked closely together to keep your tuition increases down. Wendy played a crucial role in our provincial lobbying efforts. Rebecca and Eliza bring an outside perspective from their work on other campuses. BREWS is committed to being a strong and cohesive team.

Over the next year the GSA must continue to enhance the profile of graduate education and research on and off our campus. The BREWS team will help build a better community for graduate students, through increased social activities and services, and better communication between the GSA and graduate students. We will continue to work with government to ensure that the current trend of re-investment in post-secondary education and research continues. Shannon and I will work with the university administration so as to keep tuition increases to a minimum while continuing to improve the quality of our education. Finally, the BREWS team will work with the university, the Provincial, and the Federal government to eliminate the International Student differential tuition fee and to ensure that a graduate education is not inaccessible for qualified International Students.

There are also several projects or initiatives begun this year that require continued attention. Eliza will continue to lobby for a graduate student residence for the U of A. Eliza and I will commit to finding social space creating a place for graduate students to interact outside of their departments. Wendy will expand the International Student's Forum to provide International Students a forum to voice concerns and build cultural bridges. International students are key to the academic environment at the U of A—making up nearly 30% of our student population. Shannon will continue to negotiate employment regulations for all academically employed graduate students to protect our rights as employees and students. Wendy and Rebecca will expand the interdisciplinary e-journal to provide U of A graduate students an opportunity to publish their work.

As your president I bring excellent communication and leadership skills, enthusiasm, and experience to the GSA. I promise to dedicate myself to the betterment of graduate students at the University of Alberta! If you have any questions, please contact me at brews5@canada.com. On February 14th and 15th, ensure that the right team of individuals is representing your concerns as graduate students. VOTE BREWS!

Executive Vice President Shahid Aslam Khan (IND)

Hi! I don't need much of your time because this is a short article but I do need all of your attention. You must be wondering, what do I have to say for which I need so much attention, it's nothing more but a few words about myself and all of you, the students at university of Alberta.

My name is Shahid Aslam Khan and I am Pakistani. I did my undergraduate degree in electrical engineering in Pakistan before I moved to Canada in August 2000 to do my Masters in Telecommunication. I'm currently in my second term at the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

I'm a candidate for the position of Executive VP in the GSA elections to be held on Feb 14th and 15th. For me it would be my first experience of this exact nature, although I have been involved in social work and debating societies during my undergraduate studies in Pakistan.

The driving force for me to take on this challenging job has been the tendency to be involved in the activities of student services and to help and be helped in the struggle for a better studying and working environment at the university. Being an international student I faced a few problems when I came to U of A for the first time. I would like to work to make life of an international student a little better at U of A. Also tuition is the biggest problem faced by the students I think a positive and practical approach is needed to tackle this problem.

In the end I would like to say that it really doesn't matter who wins and who gets the opportunity to work for the GSA, the most important thing is the spirit to contribute. All of us can contribute to help the executives of GSA and this contribution may be in terms of ideas, motivations and above all giving our opinion by casting our votes. As I am a candidate for the above mentioned seat obviously I would like all the readers who are graduate students to go and participate in voting and make sure that you make the right choice. The right choice may be to give opportunities to those who have not been tried yet.

I thank you all.



Election 2001/2002

Vice President Internal Rebecca Adell (BREWS)

My name is Rebecca Adell and I am part of the BREWS slate. I am a first-year PhD student in History. I have experience on the GSA at both Carleton University and the University of Alberta.

As VP Internal, I intend to take very seriously the key function of this office: maintaining communication between the GSA and the graduate student body. For me, the key aspects of this portfolio are:

- Accessibility
- Communication
- Increasing student input

As a GSA councilor, I have become aware of the variety of initiatives undertaken by the GSA executive this year. I feel that the task of improving students' access to information regarding GSA services, events and negotiations is crucial to fulfilling the mandate of the GSA and enhancing our experiences as graduate students.

In this regard, I will work closely with each executive member so that I can provide accurate and meaningful information through the online newsletter Currents and many other channels. I will help ensure that professional development initiatives, such as the workshops organized by Wendy (VP Academic) are well advertised, and I will work hard to encourage students to gain experience publishing their research in the inter-disciplinary electronic journal established by the current GSA executive. I will help publicize the intramural and social events planned by Eliza (VP Student Services), and I will keep graduate students notified of the negotiations undertaken by Brad (President) and Shannon (Exec. VP) on key academic issues such as tuition, graduate student residence, and the implementation of the 1999 referendum decision to extend the GSA's collective agreement to include graduate student trust-holders and sessional instructors.

I also strongly believe that meaningful communication must be a two-way street. I am committed to making the office of VP Internal an important point of access for graduate students. In this regard, I want to strengthen the links between the GSA and departmental student groups. As an executive member of the History and Classics GSA, I am aware of the crucial role departmental student groups play in spreading key information about GSA initiatives. And finally, I want to make all graduate students feel a part of the GSA. Increasing student input and involvement will enhance the GSA's ability to work on issues of relevance to graduate students.

If you have any questions please contact me at brews5@canada.com. Thank you very much and please vote BREWS!

Vice President Academic (Acclaimed) Wendy Chrapko (BREWS)

My name is Wendy Chrapko and I am running for the position of VP Academic on the BREWS slate. I plan to enhance graduate students' academic experience through:

- Providing more general scholarship workshops
- Increasing the number and type of professional development workshops
- Working closely with departments to enrich our academic experience

I believe the position of VP Academic is an important one. In 1999 extensive changes were made to this portfolio, with the removal of the Ombudsperson role. This means the person in this position can now more fully devote themselves to developing a stronger learning and teaching environment for students. I believe this portfolio has yet to reach its full potential. To accomplish this, I will increase the accessibility and number of seminars for graduate students in areas such as Power Point presentations, web design and other areas that would enhance both the teaching skills and marketability of students. I would also like to see more workshops designed to help students prepare for the general awards and CIHR competitions and continue running specific workshops for SSHRC and NSERC. Graduate students are a vital component of the research excellence at the U of A and I want to see us continue our recent successes in securing these prestigious national awards. I also would like to institute library reforms making the system more friendly to graduate students including making journals accessible outside the current Friday to Sunday policy. In coordination with the Rebecca as VP Internal I want to increase the availability of lecture grants that would benefit the larger university community. Another program I strongly believe in is international forums and I hope to, with the help of Eliza as VP Student Services, work to make the transition for international students to this university smooth. Finally, I also hope to aid in developing the GSA electronic journal to provide peer reviewed publishing experience to graduate students at the U of A.

I am a second year MSc student in the Department of Psychiatry and have also completed my undergraduate degree at this institution. I bring to this position experience on several committees such as General Faculties Council and the GSA Negotiating Committee (GSANC). I am also the current VC Communications and Administration for the Alberta Graduate Council (AGC). I have been involved with founding AGC and this experience will aid me in improving and developing the VP Academic portfolio. In my position with AGC I also learned the importance of communication between both members of the council and external bodies. I plan to bring my clear and effective communication style to this position. I also believe it is very important that the GSA Executive work together as a team to better the experience for all graduate students and I have worked extensively and successfully with Shannon and Brad and am looking forward to working with Rebecca and Eliza to accomplish this. Thank you for your support and remember to vote February 14th and 15th. Vote BREWS!

Vice President Internal Mohamed Elkamash (IND)

My name is Mohamed Elkamash and I am running for the position of Vice-President Internal. I am a second year PhD student in Civil Engineering. My previous studies were conducted in Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt. I have always liked social activities and representing students in different matters. I was a member in the student union during my undergraduate studies for 3 years and a student union executive for one year. I am currently the treasurer of the Egyptian Students Association (ESA). I was a volunteer in different events of the GSA last year which really encouraged me to become more involved in the GSA. The principle role of VP Internal is to ensure good communication of GSA activities with the graduate student body. By seeking the position of VP Internal, that position is responsible for:

- Preparation of communications documents for graduate students, which include (GSA handbook, newsletter, e-mail bulletins and managing the web site).
- Recruiting and assigning graduate students to sit on University committees, as well as facilitating the involvement of council members on various committees.

I guarantee that I will focus on these responsibilities and try to improve them in the best ways possible.

The following list highlights some of my interests I would bring to the VP internal position. I also welcome all graduate students to share their ideas and express their opinions freely with me.

- Improve the profile of the GSA.
- Discuss the mandatory bus pass plan for graduate students.
- Work closely with GSA councilors and their departments.
- Discuss the tuition increase problem.
- Try to orient most of the annual budget of the GSA to help the graduate students.
- Try to get as many graduate students as possible involved in our activities.
- Discuss the University Housing problems (if any).
- Discuss the Dental Care Fund and any problems (if any).
- Conduct a full legal review of the GSA constitution and bylaws.

In conclusion, I would like to request all graduate students to get involved with the different activities of the GSA and make your voice heard in all circles and at all levels. I strongly request all graduate students to come to the elections and vote; it is a right you have to choose your representatives. Remember that the GSA is organized for the students and by the students.

If you have any questions please contact me at elkamash@ualberta.ca. Thank you, and I wish you all a good year.

Vice President Finance & Administration Liu, Xiaozhan "Jean" (IND)

My name is Liu, Xiaozhan (Jean) and I am a Ph.D. student in the department of Applied Economics. I am running for the position of VP Finance and Administration in the GSA election to be held on Valentine's day, Feb. 14th and on Feb. 15th, 2001. The position demands an individual who has a strong understanding of finance, accounting, and the financial status of the University and the GSA. As a longtime graduate student and a trained economist at the University of Alberta, I feel that I have the aptitude and skills required in order to fulfil this role. I have completed my Bachelor degree in Finance, my Master degree in Management Economics, and I am currently a PhD Candidate in Applied Economics. As the executive VP Finance of the Chinese Student and Scholars Association (CSSA) at the University of Alberta, I have gained a great deal of experience in this position and strongly believe in teamwork to achieve common goals.

As VP Finance in the CSSA last year, I have kept close contact with both banks and sponsors, and I am familiar with many accounting software packages. I helped to organize the CSSA budget and successfully organize the National Day Celebration Party, Christmas/New Year's Party and the Spring Festival celebration. More than two hundred students and scholars attended all of those parties. These experiences have benefit me a lot and gave me a good preparation to step in to the position of the VP Finance and Administration to the GSA.

If elected for the position, my goals are as follows:

- I will create a budget that will serve more graduate students with all available sources, to allow for more graduate students to enjoy the services and benefits that the GSA provides, like photocopying, faxing service, etc.
- I will try to improve the evaluation process of GSA Emergency Student Loan process in order to let the money go to the students who need it most urgently and effectively.
- I will look into the GSA dental coverage issue, to ensure it satisfies the variety needs of the graduate students.
- I will try to keep close contact with all the graduate students, their voices should be heard and their needs must be satisfied.
- I will also work closely with the office staff and act as a liaison between the President and other executives. I will also assist other executives in the launching of projects so that they are smoothly and efficiently run.

In conclusion, I would like to request that all graduate students become involved with the different activities of the GSA and make your voice is heard in all circles and at all levels. I strongly request all graduate students to please be united and join forces. If you have any questions feel free to send me an email at xliu@ualberta.ca. Thank you very much for your support.

Vice President Finance & Administration Bassam El-Fahmawi (IND)

My name is Bassam El-Fahmawi, I am Jordanian. I have joined the U of A in 1999 as a PhD student in the Biological Sciences Department. During my professional practice as a medical laboratory director in two different countries (Jordan and Saudi Arabia) I gained hands-on experience in both administration and budget preparation. At the University of Alberta I had the opportunity to be an executive in the Michener Park community association (1999-2000) serving as the President of the association. In 2000-2001 I served in the GSA as the VP academic, which increased my knowledge of the University administrative system. This year I am running for the VP finance and administration position, wishing to employ my experience to serve graduate students at the U of A.

Vice President Student Services Eliza von Baeyer (BREWS)

Hi, my name is Eliza von Baeyer and I am running for the position of VP Student Services part of the Brad/Rebecca/Eliza/Wendy/Shannon (BREWS) slate. I am eager to work with the GSA and its executive towards the enhancement of the grad school experience for both Canadian and international students on the U of A campus.

The Student Services portfolio is expanding and I would like to build on what has been achieved to meet the needs of all graduate students. The key issues as I see them are:

- The need to build a sense of community among all grad students.
- The enhancement of services available to grad students.
- The expansion of opportunities to relax and have fun with grad students outside of their own departments.

The barriers that currently exist between departments and between international and Canadian students need to be eliminated. I plan to work closely with Rebecca (VP Internal) to actively build a sense of community among the graduate students by encouraging greater student involvement. To accomplish this, I propose to increase communication and collaboration with other graduate student organizations (including departmental associations), expand the opportunities for intramural and extra curricular activities, both on and off campus, as well as to locate a communal space for graduate students to socialize. Graduate student housing, health and dental coverage, parking, and funding opportunities, are additional issues that I will see addressed by the GSA and with greater input from the graduate student community. To increase accountability, I would implement an evaluation, to be conducted on the GSA web site, by graduate students of the student services offered by the GSA.

A bit about me... I am currently in the second year of a PhD in Social and Cultural Psychology where my research focuses primarily on issues of ethnic identity and ethnicity. I started my graduate studies at the University of Saskatchewan where I was actively involved with the GSA as a departmental representative and represented the GSA on various safety committees. As an undergrad I was also involved in student groups. Within my department, I served as President and Special Events Coordinator for the Undergraduate Psychology Association, as well as serving as the undergraduate representative to various Arts faculty committees. I have attended a number of universities in Canada and have been a foreign student at a university abroad. My involvement with a variety of university groups and committees has provided me with invaluable knowledge and experience, which I will bring to the position of VP Student Services.

If you would like to ask me any questions about my campaign, please contact me at brews5@canada.com. Thank you for considering me as your representative of graduate student services. Vote BREWS!

Vice President Student Services Ayman Kamel (IND)

Hi everyone, my name is Ayman Kamel and I am your current VP Student Services (VPSS), also running for the same position this year. I am a PhD candidate in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. The position of the VPSS requires that a person sit on various committees including being the chair of the Campus Food Bank Board of Directors. Organizing the Orientation event, the Holiday Social, Awards Night Celebration, and all the GSA Social and fundraising events are also part of the job.

During my period in the GSA the number of social events have doubled. I was also able to push the limits of the GSA office and the issue of finding a bigger social space for graduate students has risen to the surface. The number of graduate students sharing in the social events has increased dramatically and one of the reasons I am running again is to push the new social space forward and see it come into being. Sharing in the university intramurals with GSA teams is one of my initiatives which showed great potential as we subsidized six teams this year. I am proposing doubling the money allocated for recreation sponsoring as it is an excellent way to meet new friends, enhance team work, and have a great time. Cooperating with and subsidizing graduate student groups in their events and activities is another initiative for which I am proposing that the GSA planning committee allocate funds. This is one of the issues, which I believe will increase the GSA profile significantly and if it goes through it will start May 2001.

This year, there was a 12% increase in the International Students' use of the campus food bank. The awareness of the existence of such a service is one of my main goals. These hanging issues and proposals are the reason why I am running again as I would like to push them through. I am glad to say that I have raised the standard of my position to quite high levels of responsibility and will continue to do so if I'm elected. In general I am an outgoing and social person, who likes to be involved and meet people. As a reminder, school is very important but so are lots of other activities here on campus, which go hand in hand with academics. I wish you all good luck and I hope you all have a great year.

The Candidates

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Election 2001/2002

Referendum Questions

1. Do you agree to support CJSR, the campus-based community radio station, by contributing one (1) dollar per fall and one (1) dollar per winter term?

2. Do you agree the U of A GSA should maintain its membership in the CGC?
Do you agree to pay \$1.00 per semester to support the CGC?



Voting Information

On February 14th and 15th, graduate students from the following programs may vote at their departmental voting polls. See your main office or look for information poster for more information. Voting in the participating departments will close at 2:00 pm on Thursday, February 15th to facilitate the collection of ballot boxes.

Agriculture
Anthropology
Art & Design
Biochemistry
Biological Sciences
Biomedical Engineering
Business MBA
Cell Biology
Chemistry
Comp. Lit., Religion, Film/Media Studies
Computing Science
Dentistry
Drama
Earth & Atmospheric sciences
East Asian Studies
Educational Psychology
Electrical & Computer Engineering
Elementary Education
English
History & Classics
Human Ecology
Law
Library & Information Studies

Linguistics
Mathematical Sciences
Medical Genetics
Medical Microbiology & Immunology
Medicine
Modern Languages & Cultural Studies
Music
Neuroscience Division
Nursing
Oncology
Orthodontics
Pharmacology
Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences
Philosophy
Physical Education & Recreation
Physics
Physiology
Political Science
Psychology
Radiology & Diagnostic Imaging
Renewable Resources
Rural Economy
Secondary Education

(Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Rehabilitation Medicine, Speech Pathology & Audiology, and MSLP Category A voting poll in 2-70 Corbett Hall)

All other students wishing to vote must do so at the GSA office (North Power Plant) during the following times.

9:00 am - 7:00 pm Wednesday, February 14th, 2001

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Thursday, February 15th, 2001

Come out to vote and you will be entered in a draw to win great prizes from our generous election sponsors:

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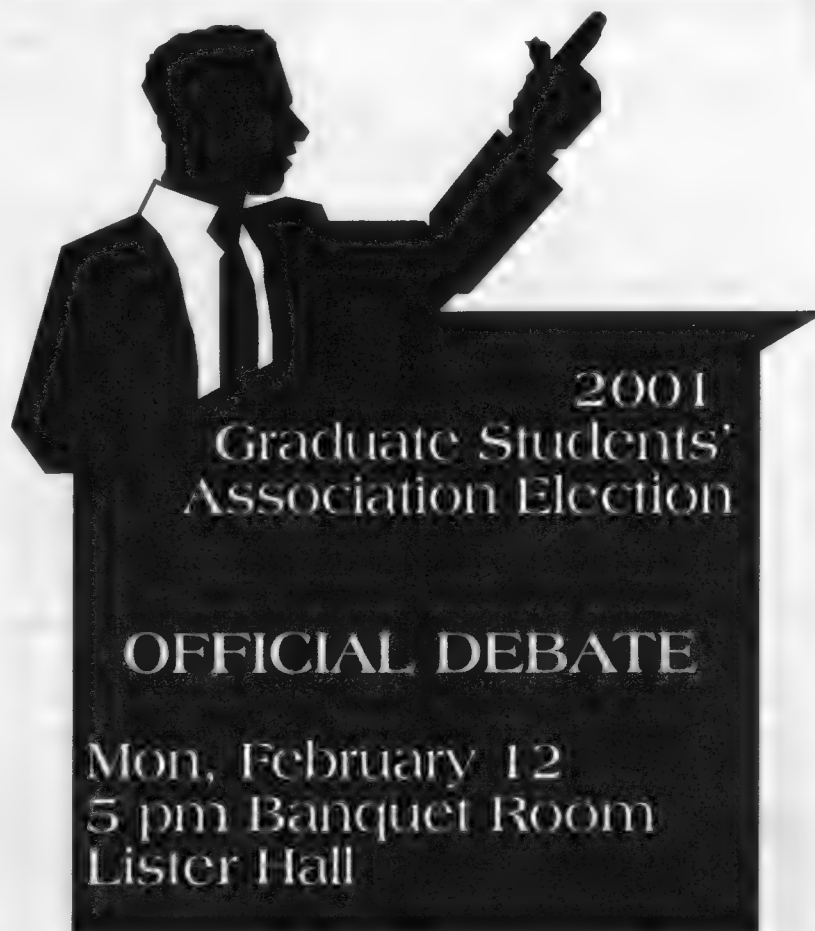
Say "NO" to the U of A remaining members of the Canadian Graduate Council

It is important for the GSA to be represented both nationally and provincially BUT should we be doing this if it is ineffective representation? Nationally, the GSA is represented by the Canadian Graduate Council (CGC). The U of A GSA joined CGC in 1992 because of its commitment to represent the needs of graduate students nationally and its commitment to conduct research that was relevant to graduate student issues. CGC is the only student association that exclusively represents graduate students and this is why the GSA originally joined BUT we, the graduate students of the University of Alberta as not being well-served by CGC.

Why say NO?

- The U of A membership fee constitute approximately 25% of CGC's annual budget (2000-01 annual budget projected around \$42,000). Your GSA pays \$10,000/year to CGC.
- No significant research has been done since 1998-99. If unspent, CGC research dollars are supposed to roll-over each year, but there are apparently no funds available from the years when no research was completed. The reason for this is quite questionable. There is at least \$5000 missing from the research budget, and the quality of research that was completed has been declining annually.
- The U of A is the largest and westernmost school in CGC. There are a total of 14 CGC schools, 8 of which are in Ontario. (U Ottawa voted to withdraw this year)
- GSA Council has discussed withdrawing from CGC each year since we joined.
- The U of A proposed a fee cap of \$7000 in March 2000 but this was defeated due to sympathy for the poor financial state of CGC. The alternate proposal that was introduced was weighted voting with 1 vote/2500 students to a maximum of 2 votes. This was repealed in October 2000.
- The U of A asked for a financial statement at every CGC meeting in 1999-00 and never received one. CGC Council demanded an audit in July 2000—it still hasn't been done. In fact, no financial audit has been completed of CGC's books in 3 years.
- The current CGC Executive were directed at the July 2000 CGC meeting to prepare completed financial statements and have an audit conducted to be presented at CGC Council meeting in October 2000. This was not done. There is a minimum of \$10,000 missing and it is quite clear that misappropriation of funds and CGC resources has occurred.
- The CGC Council voted to withhold the stipend of the Chair and the VC Communications and Administration until suitable financial records are posted to the CGC Business list and a complete audit of the books from 1997-1999 is completed.

There are lots of unanswered questions. The U of A GSA should not be spending \$10,000 a year to be members of an organization that is not accountable. Please do not continue to support CGC as is—on February 14th and 15th—say NO MORE to CGC. For additional information or comment, please email saynotocgc@hotmail.com.





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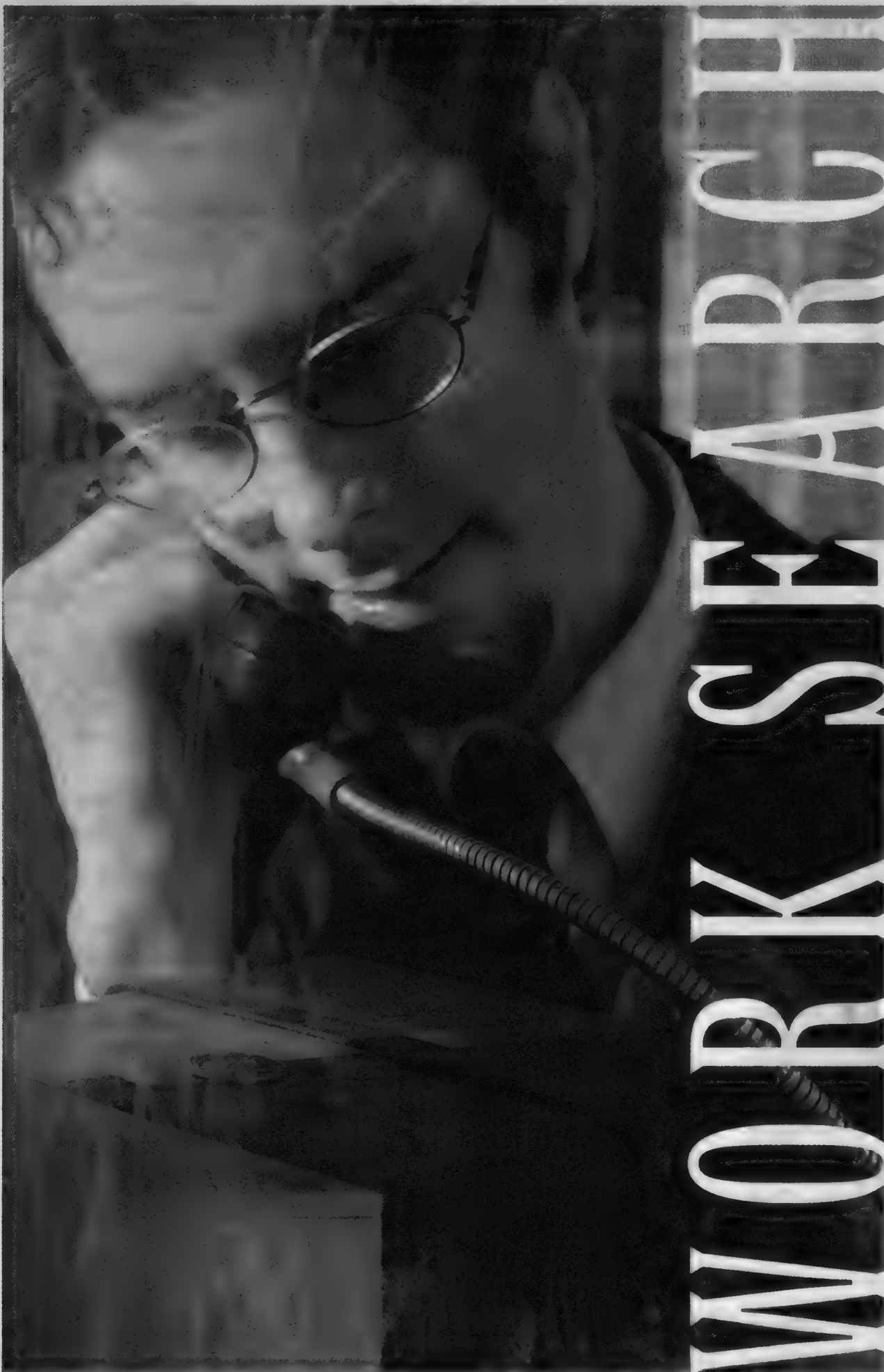
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"It could have been worse," I hear myself saying consolingly, referring to my last summer job. I took on a position that most people don't believe exists anymore. I was a door-to-door vacuum salesman.

Perhaps the same thing has happened to you. In fact, I'm sure it has. You start out looking for a summer job with stars in your eyes, envisioning those mythical positions that are passed out by the hands of providence. Those jobs that have everything right: good pay, great hours, fun, and maybe even a career-building experience. But then, something goes terribly wrong. All those résumés faxed away or printed on expensive paper garner no reply; there is nothing. As time passes and the school year draws to an end, you become nervous. Then, a few weeks after the last exam, nervousness becomes desperation. The bills are piling at the door, your student loan has run dry and rent is looming around next week's corner. When once you could afford to be choosy, now you'll take anything offered. You may have even started to consider your eligibility for the local food bank and employment insurance programs.

You are not alone. I was there with you. This summer, however, will be different. Last summer was a "learning experience" and I've come quite far since then. I would like to share with you just a few ideas that could help you too.

INTERVIEW PREP TIPS:

- 1 Assess your skills, values, goals, weaknesses, and strengths
- 2 Review the skills you've used at previous positions and think of examples to share
- 3 Research the organization, and find out as much as you can
- 4 Take your reference list, cover letter, résumé and portfolio (if applicable)
- 5 Find out precisely where the interview is, and consider making a dry run the day before
- 6 Plan to wear clothing that is a touch nicer than what you would wear while working there
- 7 Bring some paper, a pen, and maybe a bottle of water
- 8 Go to the interview alone
- 9 Get a good night's rest, and eat before you go
- 10 Try a mock interview with a friend or in front of the mirror

Looking for a summer job is stressful emotionally, physically and financially. The most important part of the work search is what is called self-assessment, or knowing yourself. I know; it sounds silly. Of course you know yourself! You've been with yourself all of your life, right? It's not as easy as that. We have to take all of our inner self-knowledge and bring it out so that we can reflect on it. This reflection process clarifies your values and interests, which will help you set goals. Without knowing what you are looking for, it's incredibly hard to find whatever "it" is. When setting your goals make sure that they are specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, time-targeted and well-supported.

Once you've clarified your desires and set some goals for yourself, it's time to start looking for ways to meet those goals. In terms of finding a summer job, there are many ways to search, some more effective than others. It may be valuable to consider the different ways in which employers look for workers in comparison to how most workers look for jobs.

From the employer's perspective, trying to find good employees is often a difficult and costly task. It's something they would like to make as painless as possible. The last thing employers want to do is to advertise for a position. Advertising is not only expensive but also opens the floodgates to hundreds of unqualified applicants who must be sifted out through interviews.

Employers would much prefer to just hire someone they know already, someone whose skills have already been

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INTERVIEW TIPS

Do:

- 1 Show up about ten minutes early
- 2 Learn the interviewer's name
- 3 Greet with a firm handshake
- 4 Smile and be polite and confident
- 5 Be concise, clear and enthusiastic
- 6 Prepare yourself for questions and arrive with examples that demonstrate your skills
- 7 Research the organization
- 8 Highlight your accomplishments, skills, experiences and abilities
- 9 Prepare some questions of your own
- 10 Remain positive and interested throughout the interview
- 11 Portray your weaknesses as positive learning experiences
- 12 Look into the interviewer's eyes (or slightly above or below) when speaking
- 13 Give yourself the benefit of the doubt
- 14 Try to think from the employer's perspective

Don't:

- 1 Show up late (but call ahead if you will be) or unprepared
- 2 Give a limp or bone-crushing handshake
- 3 Forget the interviewer's name
- 4 Say 'um,' 'ahh,' 'ya know,' 'like,' or 'cuz' and don't curse (even in jest)
- 5 Be fatigued, strung-out, nervous, shiftily-eyed or fidgety
- 6 Reek of perfume or cologne
- 7 Forget to shower and shave (be clean and neat in appearance)
- 8 Dwell on the negative
- 9 Doubt yourself or act cocky
- 10 Bad-mouth previous employers
- 11 Pick your nose or scratch incessantly
- 12 Forget how to wear a dress decently (no Sharon Stone impersonations, please)
- 13 Babble or get off track
- 14 Arrive intoxicated in any way

proven. This is one of the reasons that volunteering is such a great idea, besides that warm fuzzy feeling you get from helping others. If you want to gain specific skills, make contacts and possibly land a great job, consider volunteering for an organization that interests you.

The next place that employers tend to look is at unsolicited résumés from people interested in working with them. If you want to work at a specific place, don't wait for an advertisement to arise. Apply. This kind of unsolicited application shows interest and initiative—something employers love to see.

If an employer can't find a good candidate through these methods, they will eventually resort to posting an advertisement. The jobs that are advertised in newspapers, career centers and on the Internet represent a paltry 20 per cent of the job market. This means that about 80 per cent of all the jobs out there are never officially advertised! Despite this fact, most people look first to advertisements to find work.

Networking remains the most effective way to find a job. It makes sense when you think about it: without any help from the media, a single bit of gossip can make its way across several social circles in just a few hours. Now imagine that piece of gossip being information on your work-search goals. Everyone has social connections; networking is just using those connections to both find out about work and send the message that you are looking for something in particular. An important thing to remember is that networking is a two-way street, so help out those who are helping you. Pass the karma on.

The beauty of networking is that it harnesses the natural tendency for people to trust their friends. If I'm an employer, I'm much more likely to take a recommendation from my golfing buddy on a good prospective employee than I am to trust the words in Joe Shmoe's résumé.

This doesn't mean that you should ignore the tried-and-true game of responding to advertisements, but ensure that it isn't your only method for searching for work. Networking is something that you should be doing all year, not just before the summer. Making these contacts takes a bit more effort than just faxing away some résumés but it pays off to a much greater degree.

Even when employing the networking process you will more than likely have to submit a résumé, even if it is just to keep on file. For this reason everyone should have a current résumé built. The easiest way to do this is to create a master résumé file on disk. Within this master, create separate files for work experience, education, awards/certificates, memberships and volunteer experience. When this is done, it's easy to cut and paste the most relevant aspects of your past together to make totally unique résumés for each position.

The last and often most dreaded aspect of the work search is the interview. Few people have managed to avoid this step. The biggest problems that people have while in the interview are related to nervousness. This is normal. Like any test situation, it's completely natural to feel a bit unsure. The best way to combat this is through practice and preparation. Another way is to think of the employer not so much as a looming figure of authority who will pass judgment on you, but more as a respected friend. It's easy to be calm, cool and confident with friends, right?

So this brings us to the end of the work search process. There are a couple of important things to keep in mind in the coming months. The first is that you are not alone. Thousands of other students on this campus are going through the same thing. Get help from your friends. The second is that every failure is a learning experience, so treat it that way. Don't let this work search process get you down. If you can't win today, there is always tomorrow. And you can always try selling vacuums. Always.

KNOW THYSELF. THIS SHOULD BE EASY, RIGHT?

- 1 How much does money/salary matter to me?
- 2 What kind of lifestyle do I want and where do I want to live?
- 3 What are my values, skills and interests?
- 4 What kinds of people do I prefer to work with?
- 5 What kinds of working conditions best suit me?

THE HAND SHAKE ON THE WAY THE WEST WAS WON!

Extend your right hand into the other person's.

When the webs (between thumb and forefinger) meet, squeeze firmly, but don't crush the other's hand. A limp handshake implies feebleness, while a bone crusher signifies aggressiveness. Gently pump the other's hand two or three times while maintaining eye contact and smiling (insert name exchange and pleasantries here). Release your grip and pull back your hand naturally (even if they have cooties).

And if your hands are sweaty, please do clasp a dry cloth or casually wipe them against your pants before shaking hands.

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS:

- A What is your name?
- B What faculty/year are you in?
- C What is the worst summer job you've had?
- D What are you doing to prepare for working this summer?
- E Are you concerned about getting a good job this summer?



- A Julie Charchun
- B Arts, year 1
- C Cleaning trucker bathrooms
- D Thinking of the tourism industry
- E Not really

- A Victoria Russell
- B Science, year 3
- C Grounds crew work at a Petro Canada Refinery
- D Preparing résumés before travelling
- E Yeah, but not too much

- A Jason Knaga
- B Ag/For, year 4
- C Driving a sewage truck
- D I have a job from last summer
- E No

- A Valerie Knaga
- B Arts, year 2
- C Working for people I don't like
- D Looking at CaPS and networking
- E Yes

- A Angela Bowhay
- B Education, year 2
- C Parks and Recreation
- D Found leads through the Education career fair
- E Not really

- A Jen Allens
- B Education, year 3
- C Lawn maintenance
- D Looking on the Internet and talking to people
- E Not really



SOME BASIC SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS:

- 1 Tell me about yourself.
 - Keep the answer directed towards the position at hand, and how your skills and experiences qualify you for this job.
- 2 Tell me about a time when you had to resolve a problem. What was the result?
 - Focus on problem solving, communication, analytical, teamwork and empathy skills. Don't dwell on the negative. What did you learn? What would you do differently next time?
- 3 What do you think would be the most/least desirable aspects of this position?
 - They are testing your knowledge of the position, so remember to do your research. Again, focus on the positive: how would you go about nicely addressing the negative aspects of your job?
- 4 Tell me about a time when you felt the greatest achievement.
 - Remember to do a self-assessment; know thyself. Describe the goal-setting process: What skills did you use? What action did you take? What were the results? Would you change anything in retrospect?
- 5 What are your goals?
 - Emphasize that the position you are applying for is a valuable part of a greater career map, preferably within the same industry; focus on your desire to learn as much as possible at the position.
- 6 Tell me about a time when you made a decision you regretted. What would you do differently now?
 - Again, focus on the positive and your ability to reflect on and learn from your mistakes. The truly wise learn from their mistakes and the mistakes of others.
- 7 Would you describe yourself as a team player?
 - Say yes. All positions will require some degree of team work, so mention your ability to work independently as well as in a team.
- 8 Why should I hire you?
 - Summarize your qualifications relating to the position and emphasize your confidence in your ability to do the job.
- 9 Do you have any final comments/questions?
 - Yes. Prepare some questions relating to things that were not covered in the interview or could not be easily found without some research. Summarize your qualifications for the position.

RÉSUMÉ TIPS

- 1 The purpose of the résumé is to present your most relevant skills, attributes and experiences to the employer so that they will be interested in you and request an interview. The résumé does not get you a job by itself (usually).
- 2 Target your résumé to each specific organization with content, wording and format.
- 3 Put the most important information on the first page, and at the top of each subsection (remember we start reading on the left, so put important points there).
- 4 Make the résumé easy to read, clear, concise and free of mistakes.
- 5 Remember that you are not there when the employer reads your résumé, so explain your points, providing examples. Don't use abbreviations or jargon.
- 6 Try to think from the employer's perspective. Make life easier for them by providing relevant information only (most résumés are scanned in 20 or 30 seconds).
- 7 Send out an original résumé and covering letter to each employer. Use high-quality paper.
- 8 Say what you mean, and mean what you say (don't falsify or inflate credentials).
- 9 Include a covering letter explaining your intent and qualifications with every résumé.
- 10 Keep length to two or three pages (keep it lean, don't stuff it).



Sports in Brief

Pandas hockey

The Pandas hockey squad hosts the Canada West semi-finals this weekend at the Clare Drake. UBC and Lethbridge will be guests and the winner will go on to the Canada West Finals. The Pandas play UBC on Friday at 8:00pm and Lethbridge on Sunday at 2:00pm.

Pandas volleyball

The Pandas volleyball team is in Calgary this weekend to play the third-ranked Dinos in their second consecutive weekend on the road. Both teams sit at 11-9 and the one with the best record after this weekend will be in the playoffs.

Bears volleyball

The Bears volleyball team is also in Calgary to play the Dinos this weekend, hoping to rebound from a tough weekend after being swept by the defending National Champion Manitoba Bisons. The Bears are in sixth heading into the weekend, the Dinos in fourth.

Pandas basketball

The Pandas basketball team is in Victoria to take on the defending National Champion Victoria Vikes. Victoria is ranked fifth nationally, and the Pandas are in eighth.

Bears basketball

The Bears basketball team is also taking on the Vikes this weekend. Victoria trails the Bears by two games in the Canada West standings, and with a win on Friday or Saturday, the Bears can secure home-court advantage throughout the playoffs. The Bears are in sixth, the Vikes in eighth.

Bears hockey

The Bears hockey team is in Brandon to play the Bobcats. The Bears are ranked best in Canada, while the Bobcats have a dismal 4-17-3 record.

Bears and Pandas track & field

Alberta's track teams host the Edmonton Invitational on Saturday and Sunday. The Bears are ranked sixth in the country, and the Pandas are unranked.

Sports quote for the day

"Winning is not a sometimes thing; it's an all the time thing. You don't win once in a while, you don't do things right once in a while, you do them right all the time. Winning is a habit. Unfortunately, so is losing."

— Vince Lombardi

Sports trivia

Canada holds the record for the most women's World Championships. Canada won the first five women's World Championships in 1990, 1992, 1994, 1997 and 1999. They did it without losing a single game.



Mike Wharmby / THE GATEWAY

Offensive pressure will be key for the Pandas in the Canada West semi-finals this weekend as they attempt to break the defensive barriers of two teams.

Pandas catching playoff fever

Barrie Tanner

SPORTS EDITOR

The Pandas hockey team is heading into Canada West playoffs in second place in the conference behind the Regina Cougars, holding down third in the country.

Alberta will host the Western semi-final rounds that see Lethbridge and UBC take to the ice in the Clare Drake in an attempt to dethrone the National champion Pandas on their own ice.

The Pandas expect strong defensive play from both teams, and

will be looking at working the puck deep into their opponents' zones throughout this weekend's matchups.

"Both teams are very similar," explained Panda head coach Howie Draper. "They both play a very defensive brand of hockey, and our biggest challenge will be in trying to penetrate that defensive barrier."

"Both teams do whatever it takes to keep the puck out of the net," continued Draper. "They dive, they block ... they do what it takes."

But according to Draper, his team is up to the challenge.

"Our whole team is eagerly anticipating playoffs," said Draper. "The girls have really worked hard for this moment, and they're ready to show what they can do."

The Pandas take on the UBC Thunderbirds on Friday at 8:00pm, then Lethbridge on Sunday at 2:00pm. The winner from the semi-final competition will advance to the Canada West final, to be played the weekend of 16 February at the home of the highest ranked surviving team.

This weekend's playoff games will all be played at the Clare Drake Arena.

Who to watch

Lori Shupak: Shupak has been struggling with an elbow injury and has been out for a week. Now she's raring to get back into it.

Mandy Kinjerski: Kinjerski has also been injured, but is very focused once she's on the ice.

Stacey McCullough: McCullough is going to be key between the pipes for the Pandas, especially against Lethbridge, whose offence is more potent than that of the UBC Thunderbirds. She thrives when the opposition keeps the heat turned up, and she steps up to their challenge.

Bears won't take Brandon lightly

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SPORTS EDITOR

The Golden Bears hockey team will be off to Brandon this weekend for a match that will mean nothing in the standings and will likely have no bearing on the playoffs. Still, the game will represent an essential building block for the Bears prior to the Canada West semi-finals.

Though the Bobcats are still mathematically in the race for the playoffs, they have been all but discounted since they must win all of their remaining regular-season games, including this weekend's against Alberta, and hope that Regina loses their remaining four.

We'll go in and play them tough, like any other team ... we certainly don't expect them to lay down and die.

—Bobby Niedzielski, forward, Bears hockey

The Bears, on the other hand, have clinched first and secured home-ice advantage for the Canada West playoffs with their sweep over Regina during the first weekend of

February.

The odds are heavily in favor of the Bears heading into the series: they have outscored Brandon 23-2 in three games this season, including 12-0 and 4-0 sweeps in November.

But the Bears aren't nearly as quick to dismiss the Bobcats as opponents, or see the upcoming series as simply a glorified practice.

"You can't take a team like Brandon lightly," said Alberta veteran Bob Niedzielski. "We'll go in and play them tough, like any other team ... we certainly don't expect them to lay down and die."

As Golden Bear Sean Day commented, they will be treating the series as any other this year.

"It's like a playoff game for us," said Day. "We just have to finish our year off right. There's a lot of pride on the line."

Niedzielski agreed, commenting on the symbolic nature of the series.

"We're trying to round out our game before we hit the playoffs," explained Niedzielski.

"It basically comes down to us fine-tuning our game in time for Canada West," added captain Ryan Marsh.



Carl Schreuders / THE GATEWAY

Golden Bear Wade Burt fends off an attack at the Clare Drake.

Toews and his perogies

Barrie Tanner

SPORTS EDITOR

Bears' defenseman Warren Toews has an interesting policy for working out: he doesn't do it.

Toews' performance on the ice has been steadily improving throughout the year as he takes his place as one of the best blueliners on the roster. Unlike many of his teammates, however, his workout routine can best be described in two words: more gravy.

For Toews, the issue is simple. "I don't want to risk injury," maintained the defenseman.

But for teammate and resident trash-talker Mike McGhan, the issue is slightly more complex.

"He's a confident kid," said the veteran forward, currently recovering from an Achilles tendon injury. "People who go to the gym are not, and Warren is very confident of his

own self-image."

Some, however, are not so forgiving.

"He's got half his fist stuffed up his nose at all times," said Cam Kuzyk. "The other day, he ate two dozen perogies in one sitting."

Once again, Toews' reasoning ability shone through.

"It helps keep my feet on the ice," defended Toews.

But playoff time has been known to do strange things to players, and even Toews is not untouched by the playoff fever.

"I haven't worked out until now, but my goal is to start a routine before Nationals," claimed the defenseman.

And so long as that routine doesn't include the Perogy Palace and his on-ice play remains strong, Toews is set to be a solid contributor to Bears hockey program in their fight for another National title.

Finding the right shoes for your sport

Jacqueline Gough
The Gazette

HALIFAX (CUP) — Do you ever find that your feet get blisters when you run? Do you ever feel you're lacking support in your basketball shoes? Maybe it's time to go shoe shopping and find out if what you're wearing is made for what you are doing.

First of all, don't be afraid to ask the clerk for help. He or she can show you your options, check the sizes if you're not sure of them, and inform you of the store's policy for returning shoes.

In many shoe stores, there will be signs indicating whether the shoe is available in male or female sizes and for what sport they are made.

When looking for a running shoe, be careful to test them.

Walk in the shoes and do a light jog to ensure their comfort before buying them. If there are any uncertainties about the fit or comfort, ask the clerk and look for another size or shoe.

Be sure to wear socks that you would wear when exercising in order to find a good fit. Running shoes should be pliable, so bend the toe up to see if they are meant to move.

Check the fabric of the shoe as well. They should be made with a light material such as mesh to keep you moving fast and your foot cool. They should not be made solely of a heavy material like leather.

Stephen Irving, a clerk at Sport Chek in Halifax, gives this advice when looking for a running shoe: "Depending on what your foot needs, you might need some coordination control devices, extra cushion in the forefoot or heel, or breathability in the mesh."

The best three brands on the market, according to Irving, are the New Balance, Saucony, and Asics running shoes. They have the support at the heel and the flexibility at the toe.



Marcus Bence / THE GATEWAY

Quality shoes may be more expensive, but can avert serious injury.

If the width of your foot does not fall within normal sizes, New Balance is probably your best bet. They come in many different widths, from AA (very narrow) to 4E (in men's) so you can find one that fits you comfortably.

Depending on how often you wear your sneakers, they should be replaced within six months to a year.

New Balance, the top seller for running shoes, is generally slightly more expensive than the average running shoe, but worth it for the comfort and features. Women's running shoes range from \$100 to \$160 while men's run from about \$110 to \$170.

When looking for a shoe to play sports such as basketball or volleyball, you should look for a shoe that has proper support, especially for

the heel. For volleyball, the Nike Multicourt 2 is an ideal choice.

According to Irving, high ankle support is a must: "if you don't have ankle support, you are looking seriously at problems when you're coming down off a lay up or a slam. If you bounce down wrong, you land wrong; if your ankle twists slightly, [good ankle support] can turn a twisted ankle into nothing or a broken ankle into just a twist."

This shoe, unlike the running shoe, should not be able to bend as much. These shoes are made to support the heel while playing but at the same time allow you to move on the court.

It is best not to use a running shoe for other sports or another style shoe for running, because shoes are not meant to do both.



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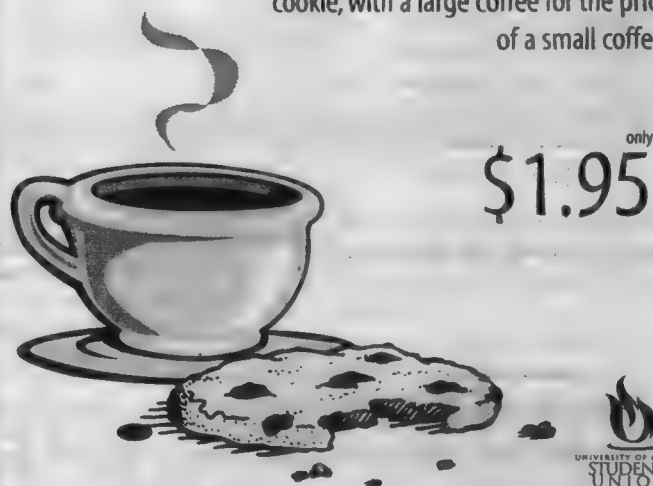
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Rugby players avoid public hearing on hazing fiasco

Club punished for rookie party incident

Gordon Loane
THE HURONIAN

FREDERICTON (CUP) — The University of New Brunswick has reached a settlement with a campus sports club, avoiding an open hearing on a "rookie" party that left a student hospitalized for a week.

In a prepared statement issued earlier this week, the University said that the 38 members of the Ironmen Rugby Football Club plead guilty to one alcohol-related charge at a hearing under the University's student disciplinary code.

The charge stems from a 23 September hazing party on campus that left a 17-year-old with alcohol poisoning.

The release further stated that under the confidentiality provisions of the student disciplinary code, the University isn't permitted to disclose further information about any sanctions imposed on the students.

A spokesperson for the University declined further comment, as did George Filliter, the Fredericton lawyer representing the Rugby Football Club members.

But sources close to the rugby club members told Canadian University Press that the sanctions included an apology to the University, a small fine and required attendance at an alcohol awareness session.

Rugby team captain Nick Taylor had a prepared statement also

released by the University.

"We have all learned something from this situation," he wrote. "We are ambassadors to and for the University and the general public."

With the team and the University working together, we can eliminate inappropriate activities such as rookie parties and initiations.

— Elizabeth Parr-Johnston,
President, UNB

"We realize that our actions were inappropriate and inexcusable. We will work with the University and other of its teams to prevent the practice of rookie parties. At the end of the day, I am glad that we still have our friend and teammate with us, alive and well."

UNB president Elizabeth Parr-Johnston said the rugby team members have stepped forward and acknowledged their responsibility for the unfortunate and unacceptable incident.

"With the team and the University working together, we can eliminate inappropriate activities such as rookie parties and initiations," she said. "We want to build camaraderie and teamwork in positive and productive ways. I'm pleased our rugby team is prepared to set an example for the community."



Keith Wood / THE GATEWAY

The winner of this weekend's series will go on to the playoffs. The loser will be in the stands watching.

Playoffs on the line for Pandas volleyball

Joseph Kumpula
SPORTS STAFF

The Pandas volleyball team travelled to Manitoba to play the Bisons in a two-game series last weekend. With the final spot in the Canada West conference playoffs on the line, Alberta failed to get the wins needed to pull ahead of the rival Saskatchewan Huskies. The Huskies sent them home with only one set to show for their trouble,

beating them 3-1 on Friday and 3-0 on Saturday.

Meanwhile, the Huskies were having problems of their own, posting an unexpected loss to the Regina Cougars on Saturday to set up a dead heat going into the final weekend series of the regular season. The Pandas will be playing the Western-Conference-leading Calgary Dinos, while the Manitoba Bisons, who hold the top spot in the Great Plains confer-

ence, will be the Cougars' obstacle. Alberta split a series with Calgary in November to hand the Dinos one of their two losses on the season.

Calgary has been on the losing end of the fierce conference rivalry between the two teams, and is enthusiastic about turning the tables.

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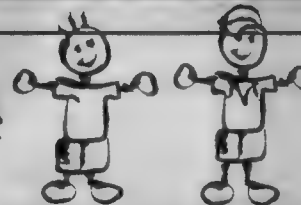
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Campus Life



JEN WANKE, Your VP STUDENT LIFE

Time flies, second term midterms are almost here – it's craziness! Just wanted to let you know there's still lots in progress and lot more on the way. Keep you eyes open for:

- Year end Campus Party
- New Programming at the Power Plant
- SU Bike Lock-up
- New Recycling Initiatives
- Maybe an Open Mic Night (who knows?)

If there is something you want to see happen on this campus – let me know.

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12:30-1:30 or 5:00-6:00; Dinwoodie Lounge SUB

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The addition of a fee of \$2.50 per student per semester (\$1.25 for part-time students) to the Non-Instructional Fee Structure of the University of Alberta as of September 2001 to fund APIRG;

The option for any student who does not wish to support APIRG to opt out and obtain a full refund of fees paid.

For those interested in registering a 'yes' or 'no' side there will be a meeting February 9, 2001 4pm 3rd floor SUB.

Contact the elections office:
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Decision of the Discipline Interpretation and Enforcement Board



February 2, 2001
5:30pm, 420 SUB

Members present: Heather Smillie, Vincent Tong, Sean Doherty, Chris Liobing, Julien McNulty,
Non-voting members: Rebecca Cuthbertson, Kara Deringer

Issue #1

Appellant: Dan Lazin, on behalf of the Gateway
Respondent: Heather Clark, Chief Returning Officer

Appeal: Should Bylaw 3500 (6)(a) be interpreted strictly as written, and thus only petition signatures meeting the name and identification requirements, as per the bylaw, be accepted as valid for the purposes of meeting minimum quota requirements?

Decision: Yes, the Bylaw should be interpreted strictly as written, until such a time as a suitable alternative to the requirement of identification numbers has been found, given the implications of FOIPP. Although FOIPP is not binding on the Students' Union, as it is not a public body, issues of privacy and confidentiality are present in students' minds and the provisions of the Bylaws and securing of signatures should reflect this: reality.

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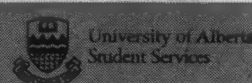
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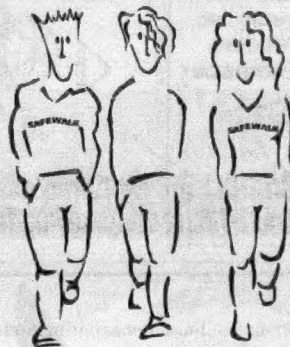
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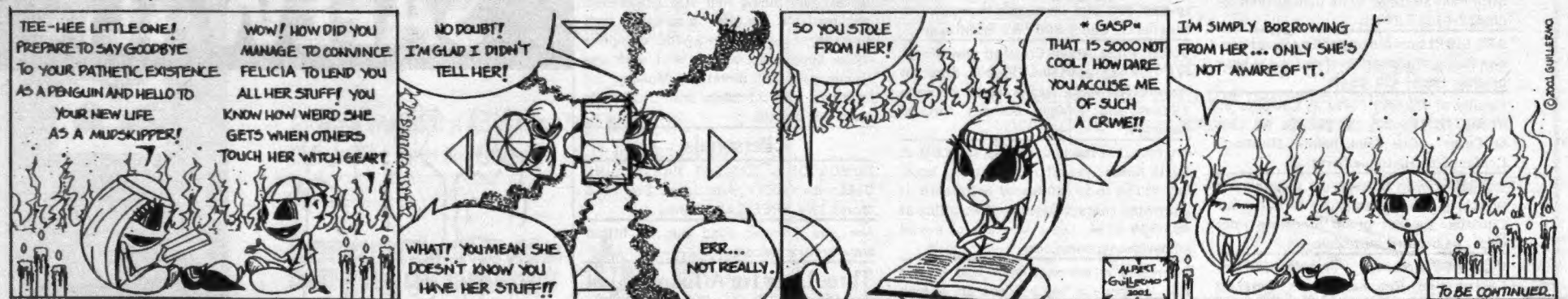
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Referendum



The following question has been called and will appear on the election ballot (unofficial wording):

"Are you in favor of the proposed amendments to the Students' Union (SU) fee structure (Article VIII s.3 of the Constitution), which would:

- Create a special fee category for Off-Campus Students, (students whose on-campus credits are equal to zero);
- Require that Off-Campus Students be assessed an SU Membership Fee equivalent to the fee assessed to Part-Time Students (currently \$11.69 per Fall or Winter Term);
- Require that for the purposes of Article VIII, Off-Campus Students be assessed SU Referendum Fees as Part-Time Students;
- Require an increase in SU Membership Fees of \$0.82 per Full-Time Student (currently \$23.39) and \$0.41 per Part-Time Student (currently \$11.69) in the Fall and Winter Terms, and \$0.55 per student in the Spring and Summer Term.

The result of this referendum question shall be binding on the Students' Union as per Article V s.2 of the Students' Union Constitution."

Contact the elections office :
@ 492-7102 or cro@su.ualberta.ca



Referendum



The following question has been called and will appear on the election ballot (unofficial wording):

"Do you support The Gateway becoming an arms-length student institution that will operate a fund of approximately \$125,000 per year subject to an increase in Students' Union Fees (Article VIII s.3 of the Constitution) of \$2.50 per Full-Time Student and \$1.25 per Part-Time Student for each of the Fall and Winter Terms?

The result of this referendum question shall be binding on the Students' Union as per Article V s.2 of the Students' Union Constitution."

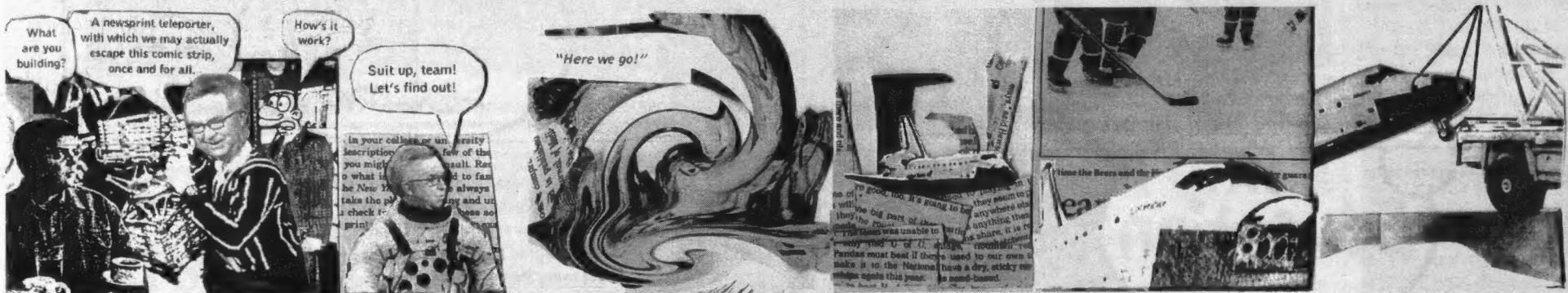
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Sex Boys #3 by Professor Winters



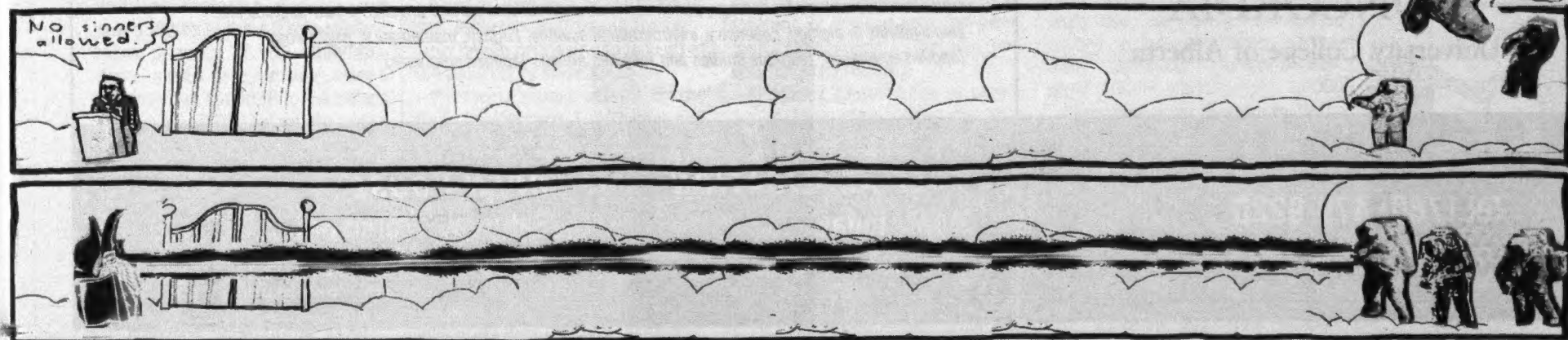
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